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CHARLESTON.

Further Rebel Reports of the Bombardment of Sumter.

Advices to the Forenoon of the 9th.

The Attack Not Renewed up to that Time.

THE SINKING OF THE KEOKUK.

One of Capt. Ericsson's "Devils" Captured by the Rebels.

THE MONITORS STILL IN SIGHT.

A Renewal of the Attack Expected on Friday.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 11.

The Richmond *Whig* of Friday is received. It gives the following further particulars of the attack on Charleston:

CHARLESTON, Wednesday, April 8—6 P. M.

All is quiet, thus far, to-day.

The people and troops are in high spirits at the result of yesterday's fight.

The *Keokuk* is certainly sunk.

The fighting between the iron-clads and our forts was chiefly at a distance of nine hundred yards.

The Monitors cannot pass Fort Sumter without coming within five hundred yards of our batteries.

The impression is very general that the enemy will renew the attack after repairing damages.

Seven Monitors and the *Ironsides* are still off the harbor.

CHARLESTON, Wednesday, April 8—10 o'clock P. M.

The latest official intelligence from the bar states that only two of the iron-clads have gone South, leaving seven remaining, besides the *Keokuk*, which lies sunk about one thousand yards from Morris Island.

The Yankee machine called the "Devil," designed for the removal of torpedoes, has floated ashore and fallen into our hands.

All is quiet now.

The enemy is constantly signaling, but no renewal of the attack is anticipated before to-morrow.

The Yankees have been busy all day repairing damages.

CHARLESTON, Thursday, April 9.—10 o'clock A. M.

All is quiet this morning.

The Monitors are still in sight.

Yesterday evening many pieces of the *Keokuk's* furniture, with spy-glass, &c., washed ashore on Morris Island beach.

Many of the articles were covered with clotted blood.

The impression prevails at our batteries that the slaughter on board the *Keokuk* was terrible.

PREVIOUS REBEL TELEGRAMS.

The following are all the telegrams which have appeared in the Richmond papers, of dates anterior to the above:

BEAUREGARD'S REPORTS.

To Gen. S. Cooper: CHARLESTON, April 8, 1863.

Double turret Monitor so badly injured in conflict yesterday, sunk at 9 o'clock this morning. Chimney now to be seen sticking out of water.

G. T. BEAUREGARD.

CHARLESTON, April 8—1:30 P. M.

To Gen. S. Cooper:

Seven turreted iron-clads and the *Ironsides* are within the bar—twenty-two blockading vessels off the bar. The *Keokuk* is certainly sunk on the beach off Morris Island. No disposition is apparent to renew the conflict.

(Signed,) G. T. BEAUREGARD.

A private dispatch received by a member of the rebel Congress, says:

"The enemy has not come up to time; he appears satisfied for the present. The Charleston ladies seem to think the city safe. I never saw so many before on the Battery. One Monitor is just reported sunk, near Morris Island—supposed to be the *Keokuk*."

THE FRESH DISPATCHES.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, April 7.

The attack commenced at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Four iron-clads out of seven in the Yankee fleet were engaged. Heavy firing took place from them and from Forts Sumter and Moultrie and Morris Island. The *Ironsides* was hit and ran ashore, but got off and was carried out of range. The engagement was going on at 5½ P. M.

SECOND DISPATCH.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, April 7.

At 9 o'clock this afternoon, nine Monitors and the frigate *Ironsides* crossed the bar and steamed in toward Fort Sumter. At 3 o'clock they opened fire at a distance of three thousand yards. Forts Sumter and Moultrie and the batteries at Sullivan's and Morris Islands replied with spirit. At 3¼ o'clock the firing became very rapid and almost incessant, until 5, when it gradually diminished, and is now heard only at long intervals.

Their fire was concentrated upon Sumter. The *Ironsides* and the *Keokuk* window from the contest at half-past 4 o'clock, apparently disabled. Fort Sumter is uninjured. The enemy's fire killed one man.

Intense excitement prevails in the city, but everybody is confident of our triumph. The Battery promenade is crowded with soldiers, viewing the fight.

Our iron-clads have gone out to take part in the *melée*. At this hour there is a lull in the firing.

THIRD DISPATCH.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, April 7.

There has been no firing since 5½ o'clock. It is certain that the *Keokuk* and *Ironsides* were badly injured. All the Monitors were frequently hit, with results unknown. Fort Sumter was the chief aim of all the iron-clads. Our casualties were as follows: One boy killed and five men badly wounded in Sumter, and one gun dismounted in Moultrie, and one man wounded. The other batteries are not heard from.

So far our success is most gratifying. We expect a renewal of the attack at any moment. Occasional guns are now heard.

FOURTH DISPATCH.

CHARLESTON, Wednesday, April 8—10 A. M.

The enemy have made no renewal of the attack on Fort Sumter. An official dispatch just received from Fort Sumter announces that the *Keokuk*—the most formidable of the Monitors, and presenting two turrets—has been sunk off Morris Island.

[The latest official dispatches indicate that the sunken Monitor is the *Keokuk*.]

PRELIMINARY ORDERS FROM GEN. BEAUREGARD.

Late Charleston papers publish the following:

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. S. CAROLINA AND FLORIDA, CHARLESTON, April 5, 1863.

SPECIAL ORDER No. 77.—1. In case of a bombardment of the City of Charleston, should any hospital become untenable, medical officers in charge, and those attached to regiments, unless otherwise specially ordered, will repair forthwith to the temporary hospital established four miles from this city, next adjoining the building known as the Four-mile House, where they will convey all hospital property that can be removed, and with them attendants and nurses will report to the Surgeon in charge for duty.

2. Wounds will be dressed, and operations will be performed, as far as possible, on the field, and patients will be made as comfortable as circumstances will admit for transportation to hospitals in the interior.

3. Medical Inspectors are charged with the general supervision of the removal of the wounded by railroad to the hospitals at Somerville and Columbia.

By command. Gen. BEAUREGARD.

JOHN M. OTEY, A. A. Gen.

General Order No. 58 of BEAUREGARD, dated Charleston, April 5, 1863, is in substance as follows:

"Field and company officers are specially enjoined to instruct their men to fire at the fleet of the enemy, to hold their men in hand, and require each to single out his mark, fire by file to be avoided in the beginning of battle, and men kept in the ranks. Soldiers not to be allowed to quit the ranks even for the purpose of removing our own dead until the action has subsided, and then only by permission. The surest way way to protect our wounded is to drive the enemy from the field. The most pressing, highest duty is to win the victory. Quartermasters to make all necessary arrangements for immediate transportation of wounded from the field, and establish ambulance depot in the rear.

Before and immediately after battle, the roll of each company will be called, and absentees must strictly account for their absence from the ranks. Any one quitting the ranks will be shot on the spot. Infirmary detachments will be detailed. These men must not loiter about the ambulance depots, but return promptly to the field as soon as possible.

Other sections contain special instructions to surgeons.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

Rebel Reports of the Position of Affairs at Little Washington.

Failure of an Attempt to Reinforce General Foster.

The Steamer Louisiana Reported Sunk.

GEN. FOSTER REFUSES TO SURRENDER.

WASHINGTON, Friday, April 10.

The Richmond *Dispatch*, of the 9th inst., is received. It contains the following particulars in regard to the siege of Little Washington, N. C.:

"We have news from Little Washington, N. C., as late as Sunday. Our troops have captured the Federal batteries at Hills, situated on the bank of Tar River, seven miles below the town, which position gives us an open field and a fair fight with the Yankee shipping.

Two Federal gunboats, followed by several large transports loaded with troops from Newbern to reinforce Little Washington, attempted to run the blockade at Hill's point on Friday, when they were fired upon by our batteries, and so badly damaged as to be forced to put back. They could not pass our guns, and at last accounts the Federals were landing troops below our works at Hill's Point.

In the attempt to go by our batteries, the steamer *Louisiana* was sunk by our guns.

There are about 2,000 negroes in Little Washington, which the Federals tried to get off, but failed in the attempt.

The Federals have refused to surrender, or allow the women and children to leave the place. It is presumed, therefore, that Gen. HILL will shell it."

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Movements of President Lincoln, Mrs. Lincoln and Attorney-General Bates.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Saturday, April 11.

President LINCOLN, accompanied by Mrs. LINCOLN and Attorney-General BATES, left Aquia Creek last night for Washington.

During his presence in camp, President LINCOLN reviewed the whole Army of the Potomac, including the cavalry and artillery.

But one opinion has been expressed in relation to the discipline and efficiency of Gen. HOOKER's army, and this sentiment the President fully shares.

It is a significant fact that the dispatches from Charleston make no reference to the rebel loss in the recent conflict there. Had it been slight, this fact would probably have been noted.

The Fredericksburgh correspondence of the Richmond *Whig*, dated the 6th inst., says:

"All is quiet as usual to-day, except the firing of a salute of seventeen gns in the direction of the Potomac.

A report from the other side says that HOOKER'S Army continues greatly demoralized, and that fears are entertained for the safety of the Federal Army in the West."

The same correspondent says that the late Confederate success seems to cause great discouragement to the Federal troops.

Review of Three Army Corps by President Lincoln—An Impressive Sight—The Troops in Fine Condition, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Wednesday Evening, April 8.

The review of the Third, Fifth and Sixth Army Corps, by President LINCOLN, took place to-day. The weather was favorable, and the affair passed off with much éclat and enthusiasm.

At an early hour, long lines of soldiers began to emerge from the various encampments, scattering over hill and through dale, as far as the eye could reach, all directing their course to the broad undulating plain which stretches out in a northerly direction from headquarters. Major Generals, Brigadiers, Colonels, and officers of lower grades, were decked out in their most elegant trappings, while the privates presented that neat and tidy appearance which distinguishes the Union soldiers from the rebel crew, as well as from the conscript soldiery of Europe. On reaching the grounds the Sixth corps was posted in front of the old mansion, now occupied as Gen. SICKLES' quarters, extending from a small declivity on the right to lowlands on the left. The Third and Fourth corps were stationed nearer to the Rappahannock, and at right angles with each other. At 11 o'clock the "lancers," with their long spears, war flags and miniature banners, drew up in front of headquarters to escort the Presidential party and General commanding. Ten minutes later President LINCOLN appeared, wearing a black overcoat and the identical silk hat (so it seemed to us) which has graced his venerable head at every review, from "Bailey's Cross-Roads" up. Gen. HOOKER rode on the right, and Gen. BURNSIDE on the left of him; his son, a lad of 10 or 12 years of age, also accompanying him; next in order came the General's numerous Staff, followed by Mrs. LINCOLN, who rode in a plain vehicle drawn by four horses. An elderly gentleman sat by her side—two officers occupied the front seat. Proceeding at an easy pace, a salute of twenty-two guns was fired as the cavalcade neared the grounds occupied by the Sixth Corps. Gen. SEDGWICK, its commander, rode out to meet the President and General, the carriage containing Mrs. LINCOLN remaining stationary. The artillery belonging to the corps was first inspected, and then the divisions—the party riding in front and rear—after which they took position upon an elevated spot, and the various regiments filed in review before them. It was an impressive sight. The President of the United States sitting with head uncovered upon a beautiful black steed; his favorite General by his side, mounted upon a splendid white charger, Major and Brigadier-Generals in the rear, and the brave defenders of the Union filing past in front to the inspiring music of National airs.

First came the gallant NAGLEE leading his division, who, though of Southern birth and associations, faltered not in allegiance when the hour of trial came. Next the brave and impetuous BROOKS, who, though not confirmed as Major-General, is none the less one in the opinion of his men. Following him was the polished HOWE, whose well-drilled soldiers bore testimony to the faithfulness of his discipline. The "Flying Division," composed of picked regiments, men who fought for the love of the thing, brought up the rear. In the absence of Gen. PRATT, (called away to Brooklyn on urgent business,) the Colonel of the Sixth Maine acted in his place.

The troops of the various divisions made a splendid appearance, which could not have been otherwise than most gratifying to the President and Gen. HOOKER. New regiments were interspersed with the Peninsula Veterans, whose bright, waving standards bore a striking contrast to the faded emblems of their comrades, torn, tattered and shattered by the iron hail of a dozen fierce conflicts.

The inspection of the Sixth Corps completed, Gen. HOOKER proceeded to review the Third and Fifth in a similar manner, after which the party returned to Headquarters. There were but few spectators present, owing to the fact of the officers and men being actually compelled to accompany their regiments on the review. There were doubtless many eye-witnesses of the scene from the heights on the opposite shore, where the rebels are hidden away. Conspicuous on the occasion was to be seen Gen. PATRICK, the Provost-Marshal of the army, mounted upon his favorite war-horse, (which carried him successfully through all the battles of the Mexican campaign,) his gray locks streaming in the wind, as he rode hither and thither directing movements. Much credit is due him for the good order and lack of confusion which marked the occasion.

The roads are drying up rapidly to-day. Two rebel cavalry men, who crossed the river below to visit their families (I know Gentlemen, and for other purposes, have been captured and brought in.

Another Review by the President—An Imposing Spectacle.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Thursday, April 9, 1863.

One of the grandest and most imposing military spectacles of modern times took place yesterday, in which President LINCOLN and the Commanding General of the army, accompanied by a large Staff, assisted; grand not alone in view of the number of troops present, but mainly because imposing in all that gives invincibility to the general appearance and movements of troops. It was a review of a portion of the Army of the Potomac.

The location selected for the display was upon the large undulating plateau two miles back from the Rappahannock River, and directly opposite Fredericksburgh, from the church steeples in which place, and from all the hills adjacent to that city, our forces could be distinctly seen by the rebels. This ground, during the last four months, has been entirely cleared of trees by the Union troops for fuel, and, consequently there was nothing to obstruct a full view of the whole field from any of the numerous moderate elevations of ground which in this vicinity rise one after another like large ocean waves. At an early hour in the morning the troops could be seen marching from their camps in different directions, and concentrating near the place selected for review. They were formed in three lines—each regiment in column by division closed *en masse*, field officers and colors in the front, and bands on the flank. The President, Gen. HOOKER, Staff, and escort—composed of RUSH's lancers—arrived on the ground soon after 11 o'clock, when the review was at once proceeded with. The President and party rode down the front of each line, from right to left, and then the whole command passed in review in column by division. As the President rode along the lines, and as he approached the right of each regiment, the band commenced playing, arms were presented, officers raised and the colors were dipped. When the President first reached the grounds, he was received with a salute of 21 guns. The artillery was the first body reviewed.

From an elevated position, where the eye could scan the whole field, the scene, while the troops were passing in review, was one of the most imposing ever witnessed. Everything seemed in harmony to produce this effect. The sky was overcast, and the subdued rays of the sun gave a sombre hue to the whole face of the country. This appearance was intensified doubtless by the peculiar color of the soil and the absence of all vegetation to relieve the picture; the steady tramp and measured tread of thousands of troops; the perfect silence that prevailed throughout the entire force, save and except the words of command that occasionally came through the air; the swelling music from hundreds of bands, the corps, division, brigade, national, State and regimental flags and guidons floating in the breeze; nearly all of them bearing marks of the deadly conflicts in which they have been carried; and some of them all in shreds from the effect of shot and shell, the men fully equipped and with knapsacks slung; the different movement of regiments in taking position to follow in the main channel to be reviewed; some marching forward well aligned; here a regiment wheeling, and there one making a turn; at one point marching to the right oblique, and another to the left oblique, others marching by the flank, and the numerous field and staff officers, were some of the prominent features that struck the observer. The absence, too, of a crowd of citizens on foot, such as one is accustomed to see at militia musters in time of peace; the determined, self-possessed bearing of the men, the decimated regiments, were also marked peculiarities of the scene. The President, upon noticing the ragged emblems of fierce struggles, and particularly the flag of the First Long Island Volunteers, the blue field of which was torn out by a shell at Fair Oaks, and the flag itself pierced by scores of bullets received in different battles, and the regiments reduced to mere skeletons, was visibly affected.

Military men by profession, who have served in and are familiar with most of the large armies of Europe, assert without hesitation that they never saw a more imposing or more gratifying military display. The troops composing this command for the most part, are veterans in the service. Some of the regiments have participated in as many as eighteen battles—on the Peninsula, under POPE, in Virginia, and under McCLELLAN in Maryland, and they feel and act like soldiers, and treat war as a grim reality, an existing fact. Gen. HOOKER takes a great pride in the troops under his command, and he has reason to be proud of their conduct yesterday. They marched well and manifested a suppleness of limb hardly to have been expected from men who have been mud-bound for three months, and there was the most gratifying evidence of the strict discipline that prevails throughout this whole army. The rebels in and about Fredericksburgh, have been surely puzzled of late to know what is going on in our lines, and crowds of them could be seen yesterday, taking a distant look at the review. They will be more puzzled still when this army meets them again in battle. The proceedings of the last few days have had a good effect upon the troops—it has created a rivalry to excel, and an *esprit du corps* to an extent never before felt by them. All dissatisfaction and despondency has disappeared, and they feel that they are invincible.

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FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE AFRICA AND GLASGOW.

Important Debate in the English Parliament About the Alabama.

Speeches of the Solicitor-General, Lord Palmerston and Others.

A Stirring Speech from Mr. Bright on American Affairs.

Protests Against Ship-building for the Rebels.

Excitement About the Seizure of the Peterhoff.

PROGRESS OF THE POLISH REVOLUTION.

The Royal mail steamer *Africa*, Capt. MOODIE which sailed from Liverpool at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of the 29th, and from Queenstown on the 30th ultimo, arrived here yesterday morning.

The Inman steamer *Glasgow*, Capt. ROBERTS, which sailed from Liverpool at noon on the 25th and from Queenstown on the 26th ult., also arrived yesterday morning.

The Cunard screw steamer *Corsica* was to leave Liverpool the same day as the *Africa*, for Halifax and New-York.

The Bremen steamer *New-York*, from New-York, arrived at Southampton on the 26th ultimo.

The *Arabia*, from Boston, arrived at Queenstown at about 9 o'clock on the morning of the 30th ult.

THE CASE OF THE ALABAMA.

Highly Important Debate in the House of Commons.

In the House of Commons, on March 27, Mr. W. E. FORSTER rose to ask the noble Viscount whether the attention of Her Majesty's Government had been called to the danger to our friendly relations with the United States, resulting from the fitting out in our ports of ships of war for the service of the self-styled Confederate States, in contravention of the Foreign Enlistment act and of the policy of neutrality adopted by this country. Some persons, he said, most of whom were British subjects, were, in *defiance of the Queen's proclamation and the statutes of the realm, breaking the law, and were engaged in acts which placed the country in danger of being involved in war.* That was so notorious a fact that papers had been presented with regard to one of the most flagrant cases—the fitting out of the *Alabama*. The first question for consideration was, whether the Government had done all that they could to prevent these breaches of the law; and the second was, whether they were impressed with the necessity of doing their utmost to prevent them for the future. So great was the danger, that he thought the House ought not to separate for the holidays without obtaining from the Government an answer upon this point, more especially as to the future. With regard to the past, it would be more convenient if the discussion could be postponed, as additional light would be thrown upon the papers which had been asked for. Nevertheless, in the present state of feeling, both in this country and in America, he thought the Government ought at once verbally to give the explanation which the facts stated in the paper already published seemed to demand. On the 23d of last June, the American Minister wrote to Earl RUSSELL, and, after referring to the case of the *Oreto*, said:

"I am now under the painful necessity of acquaint your Lordship that a new and still more powerful war-steamer is nearly ready for departure from the port of Liverpool on the same errand. This vessel has been built and launched from the dockyards of persons, one of whom is now sitting as a member of the House of Commons, and is fitting out in the second and most effective of carrying on hostilities by sea. It is about to be commanded by one of the insurgent agents, the same who sailed in the *Oreto*. The parties engaged in the enterprise are well known in Liverpool to be agents and officers of the insurgents in the United States." This statement was confirmed by the letter of the American Consul at Liverpool, who wrote: "The evidence I have is entirely conclusive to my mind. * * * The foreman in Messrs. LAIRD's yard says she is the sister to the gunboat the *Oreto*, and has been built for the same purpose." The vessel was apparently built under circumstances which suggested concealment, for he added: "The strictest watch is kept over the vessel; no person except those immediately engaged upon her is admitted into the yard."

He went on to say how she was equipped and ended with a statement that, "when completed and armed she would be a most formidable and dangerous craft, and if not prevented from going to sea will do much mischief to our commerce. The persons engaged in her construction say that no better vessel of her class was ever built." This information was forwarded to the Foreign Office on the 23d of June, and was transmitted to the Customs' authorities, who replied that they could take no steps to prevent the departure of the vessel. He should like to know what steps the Customs' authorities took to find out the truth or falsehood of the American Consul, which was afterward so well justified by the result. On the 23d of July the American Minister again wrote to Earl RUSSELL, inclosing six depositions, which abundantly proved that the vessel was on the point of sailing as an armed vessel-of-war.

Mr. ROEBUCK—The honorable member says "armed." But was she armed? [Hear, hear.]

Mr. W. E. FORSTER—The evidence was that the vessel was to be built and fitted up as a fighting ship in all respects.

Mr. ROEBUCK—She had no guns.

Mr. W. E. FORSTER—No, but she was furnished with powder-canisters, and was fitted for the reception of guns. The depositions proved the connection of the agent of the Confederate Government, Capt. BULLOCK, with this vessel, as superintending her construction in Mr. LAIRD's yard, while an old man-of-war'sman deposed to his having been enlisted by the agent of the Confederate States, Capt. BULLOCK, to sail in the vessel. This deponent joined the vessel in Messrs. LAIRD & Co.'s yard at Birkenhead, and he went on to say:

"The said vessel is a screw steamer of about 1,100 tons burden, as far as I can judge, and is built and fitted up as a fighting ship, in all respects. She has a magazine, and she has canister racks on deck, and is prepared for guns. There are now on board, about thirty men on board her, who have been engaged to go out in her. Some of them are men who have previously served on heavy fighting ships. It is well known by the hands on board that the vessel is going out as a privateer for the Confederate Government, to fight against the United States under a commission from Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS."

The next paper was the opinion of the hon. and learned member for Plymouth, (Mr. COLLIER,) which was given at the request of the American Government:

"I have perused the above affidavits, and I am of opinion that the Collector of Customs would be justified in detaining the vessel, indeed, I should think it is his duty to detain her, and that if, after the application which has been made to him, supported by the evidence which has been laid before me, he allows the vessel to leave Liverpool, he will incur a heavy responsibility—a responsibility of which the Board of Customs, under whose direction he appears to be acting, must take their share. It appears difficult to make out a stronger case of infringement of the Foreign Enlistment act, which, if not enforced on this occasion, is little better than a dead letter. It will deserve consideration whether, if the vessel be allowed to escape, the Federal Government would not have serious grounds of remonstrance."

That opinion was dated July 23, 1862, and its validity appeared to have been allowed by the Government, because Earl RUSSELL wrote that four or five days afterward he submitted it to the Law Officers of the Crown, and that he had telegraphed for the seizure of the vessel. Now, how was it that five days had elapsed after the receipt of this letter before any action was taken by the Government? Earl RUSSELL had been informed that the vessel was ready to sail, and he had the strongest grounds of suspicion that she was going out in the service of the Confederate States. The House ought also to know how it was that the Customs' authorities, whose duty it was to prevent the breach of the law, independently of the action of the Foreign Office and of the American Government, took no steps whatever in the matter. Writing to Mr. ADAMS on the 23d of September, Earl RUSSELL said:

"The report of the law officers was not received until the 20th of July, and on the same day a telegraphic message was forwarded to Her Majesty's Government, stating that the vessel had sailed that morning. Instructions were then dispatched to Ireland to detain the vessel should she put into Queenstown, and similar instructions have been sent to the Governor of the Bahamas, in case of her visiting Nassau."

There was another question upon which, as he saw the Solicitor-General present, he should like to have information. As orders had been sent to detain the vessel if she visited Nassau, why was she not subsequently detained in Port Royal, where, after fitting the *Nashville*, she took refuge for six days last January? It was certainly a curious coincidence that *the day on which the opinion of the law officers was received was the very day on which this vessel got away.* She left professedly on a pleasure excursion, and, notwithstanding the suspicion which attached to her, the Customs' authorities did not find out that this was her actual departure. She sailed out under the British flag, and in Angra Bay was joined by two other vessels, and was supplied with arms and stores. At the time it was said that she ceased to hoist the British and hoisted the Confederate flag; but had the Government attempted to find out whether she did make this change, for if she had not ceased to be a British ship she was, of course, still under British jurisdiction? She made good use of her time, for, up to the 16th September, she had captured and burnt ten vessels. She sailed under the British flag, and kept it hoisted till she was upon the point of seizing her prey, when she lowered it to give place to that of the Confederates. These proceedings gave rise to a great deal of feeling in America; and a protest was issued by a body of merchants in that country. In that protest they said that a large number of American ships had been captured by this vessel; that the cargoes of those ships had been plundered, and the crews subjected to brutal treatment. The protest further stated that the vessel which had committed those depredations had come from an English port; that, up to the time of the commission of the outrages complained of, she had been at no other but an English port; and that she sailed under the English flag, which she only exchanged for that of the rebels when within reach of her prey. Those merchants held that the British Government were responsible for the acts of this vessel. Now, he did not mean to say that our Government was responsible for them, [hear, hear;] but he was not astonished that American merchants should suppose that they were, considering that, with the exception of two or three officers, those who had charge of her were Englishmen, that she was manned by a British crew, that she used the British flag, and that she had been built by British builders, and contracted for by British agents. However, if the case was confined to the proceedings of the *Alabama*, he should not have brought it under the notice of the House. He had no wish to make a case against the country or the Government, but when it came to this, that *it was expected the Alabama would be followed by many other vessels of the same class, the mischief became one which deeply affected our interests and our friendly relations with the United States.* [Hear, hear.] So early as the 20th of September last there was a letter from Mr. ADAMS, in which he said he had strong reasons to believe that other enterprises of the same kind were on foot in different ports of the United Kingdom. In the month of October, one month after the date of that letter, the Chancellor of the Exchequer made several speeches in the North of England, in one of which he said that the Confederate States had an army, and in a very short time would have a navy. In the very same month there was a letter from the Secretary of the Confederate navy to the Confederate agent in this country, which stated that six iron-clad steamers had been contracted for. Why, that was a supply which the noble lord, the Secretary for the Admiralty, would jump at; and, from the fact stated in the official letter, it would seem that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's prophecy was to be followed by a speedy fulfilment. He did not mean to ask the Government to infringe upon the act of Parliament. What he did ask them to do was *to carry out the law;* and, if they found that the law was not sufficient for the purpose, he thought they ought to come down to that House and demand further powers. In doing so, they would only be following the example of the United States, which had demanded and obtained summary powers to be used in our favor. [A laugh and "Hear, hear."] He was not sure that they had waited for our request that they should take that course, or whether we had made any request of them; but, at the time of the rebellion in Canada, the United States Foreign Enlistment act not being found sufficient to prevent the transgression of the frontier between Canada and the United States, and the passage over that frontier of armed men, (which was precisely the same case as that of armed vessels proceeding to the United States from our shores,) *they passed a temporary act for two years, enlarging the powers of their Foreign Enlistment act.* He believed the Foreign Enlistment act of the two countries had been the same. Both prohibited the equipment of armed men or armed vessels; but, notwithstanding that, the United States passed a temporary act enlarging the scope of the permanent enactment. In December, 1862, Earl RUSSELL wrote to Mr. ADAMS that the British Government was prepared to make an amendment in our law, with the view of rendering it more effectual to prevent the fitting out of vessels, if the United States would do the same thing at the same time; and, on the 14th of February last, writing to Lord LYONS, the noble earl said that, as regarded the equipment of vessels, Mr. ADAMS had stated that his Government was willing to listen to any proposition from our Government, but they did not see how their law could be improved; in reply to which he (Earl RUSSELL) had said our Government took the same view with respect to our law. It might now be alleged that the noble earl had made that statement because he had not been met by the United States Government; but it must be remembered that the latter Government had made the alteration to which he had just alluded, under similar circumstances, only a few years ago. When we were engaged in the Russian war, we had blockaded the ports of Russia, in like manner as the United States now blockaded the Confederate ports, but at the same time there was considerable anxiety in this country lest persons in the United States should start privateers under the Russian flag. In consequence of that feeling, our ambassador and consuls in the United States did, what no doubt the American ambassador and the American consuls were now doing in this country—watched very narrowly everything that was going on. He believed it could be stated with confidence, that *notwithstanding the many strong temptations to American merchants to fit out vessels to prey on English commerce, not one privateer left the American ports to aid Russia during the war.* (Hear, hear.) He believed it had been supposed that a ship called the *General Admiral* was fitted out at that time in one of the American ports, for the purpose of assisting the Russian government; but Mr. WEED, an extensive shipbuilder in America, had explained the circumstances connected with the vessel. He had received an order from the Russian government to build the *General Admiral* before the breaking out of the war, and, in 1855, he commenced that work. Shortly after that the war broke out between Russia and this country. Doubts arose as to the legality of continuing the work. The result was its suspension, and *the postponement of the fulfillment of the contract till after the restoration of peace.* A still more remarkable case related to the case of a ship in America, under circumstances very similar to the *Alabama* in this country. As soon as the American Government received information on the subject, they libeled the ship, detaining it under the charge of the Marshal until the British Consul was convinced that it was not intended for the service of Russia. There were some curious circumstances connected with the ship in question. It belonged to an eminent merchant of the name of LOW, who suffered most by the depredations of the *Alabama*, and who was one of the largest contributors to the American fund for the relief of Lancashire distress. [Hear, hear.] On that occasion the Chamber of Commerce of New-York passed a resolution setting forth that it was the duty of the Government to maintain the neutrality laws of the country, and denouncing those who violated them as disturbers of the peace of the world. It was not, therefore, surprising, that indignation resolutions should now be passed in New-York on account of armed vessels leaving England to attack the American commerce. (Hear, hear.) He did not ask the Government to infringe upon the right of any British subject, but if the Custom-house officers at Liverpool had acted with the same diligence in the case of the *Alabama*, as the Americans acted in the case of the ship he had just mentioned, that vessel would never have gone out from this country. After all, they must consider what would have been their feelings in England if that had been done in America during the Russian war which was now being done in England. It appeared to him that the Custom-house authorities, whose business it was to see the law put in force, were acting in some respect in the wrong. *They seemed to suppose that it was not their business to put the law in force, but to wait for information from the Americans.* Upon this point they were mistaken. It was not a question of sympathy between North and South, but of obedience to British law. [Hear.] It might be said that the United States had so much to do that they would allow these things to pass with impunity. If that were so, England should, nevertheless, consider what a precedent it was making for the future, when this country might be a belligerent. In such a case, was it to be supposed that the United States would pursue toward England the same course of conduct as during the Crimean war? [Hear, hear.] In the present lamentable civil war in America this country had hitherto, under no little provocation, preserved neutrality, and he trusted that the Government would now do their utmost to prevent that neutrality being broken or the sake of private interests, and in order that money might be put into the pockets of a few shipowners and contractors. [Hear, hear.]

The Solicitor-General, after expressing surprise at the errors which were said to prevail in America with regard to the responsibility of the English Government for the acts of the *Alabama*, and attributing those errors to the persistent charges made in the dispatches and papers laid before Congress of the large exports of military and naval stores from this country, and of the supply of men and ships and money for the Confederates, proceeded as follows: The Government of the United States did not think it unworthy of them to charge us with a gross and premeditated breach of neutrality, and in supporting that accusation, to deny to England the application of those principles of international law which have been universally recognized throughout the world, and by no nation more fully and unanimously than by the United States. [Cheers.] In saying this I am not speaking without authority. On the 22d of November, 1862, the Mexican Minister at Washington addressed to Mr. SEWARD a statement to the effect that it would be a breach of neutrality on the part of the United States if the French expedition to Mexico were supplied from New-York or New-Orleans with stores, baggage-wagons, &c. On the 24th of November, Mr. SEWARD replied to that complaint, and quoted extracts from well-known authorities, laying down the traditional principles of policy of the United States on the subject. The first citation is from instructions to the Collectors of Customs, issued by ALEXANDER HAMILTON, Secretary to the Treasury, in Aug. 4, 1793:

"The purchasing and exporting from the United States by way of merchandise, articles commonly called contraband, being generally warlike instruments and stores, is free to all parties at war, and is not to be molested with, if our own citizens undertake to carry them in any of those parties, they will be abandoned to the penalties which the laws of war authorize."

Well, have we not abandoned to the penalties of the law all ships of our country which have been found on the high seas carrying contraband of war. [Hear, hear.] On the 5th of July, 1862, Mr. WASHBURN wrote to Mr. TOUCEY:

"It is not the practice of nations to undertake to prohibit their citizens from carrying contraband of war, or any other articles, to any country at war with some other power, though in so doing the individual exposes his property or person to some of the hazards of war, his acts do not involve any breach of national neutrality, nor of themselves implicate the Government."

We have heard complaints of loans of money, as well as of the sale of munitions of war. The practice of the United States in that respect is set forth in a communication from Mr. WEBSTER to Mr. THOMPSON in 1841:

"As to advances, loans, or donations of money or goods made by individuals to the Government of Texas, or her citizens, the Mexican Government hardly needs to be informed that there is nothing unlawful in this, so long as Texas is at peace with the United States, and that these are things which no Government undertakes to restrain."

I think the House will now see that the American mind has not been misled, justly and truly, by the false value of the charges in regard to the *Alabama*, or the manner in which the acknowledged general principles of international law bear upon that and similar cases. We have, therefore, some reason to complain of, and certainly to regret, the course which the Government of the United States pursued. [Hear, hear.] It is highly necessary, in order that the hearing of this question on international law, and the mutual relations of our Government and the United States, may be properly understood, that we should in the first instance ascertain clearly what is the right of the latter in the case. We of course have the deepest interest in the maintenance of our own rights, and are determined to enforce them in accordance with the laws and constitutional principles of this country. Now the fact is that if we, for our own reason and in order to prevent the violation of our neutrality by other Governments, had not thought fit to pass the Foreign Enlistment act—an act which we have as much right to repeal as to pass, [hear, hear]—if we had not done that of our own will and pleasure, it would have been impossible for the Government of the United States, on their own principles, to treat the sale of ships-of-war as in any degree more unlawful than the sale of any other kinds of munitions of war. [Hear, hear.] I will prove that from their own authorities. They have a Foreign Enlistment act as well as ourselves, and their Judges, in deciding cases under it, have had occasion to state the principles of that particular law, and also of the general law which prevails between nations. In 1815 the case of the *Alerte* was tried before the Supreme Court of the United States, and in the decision on it it was stated:

"A neutral nation may, if so disposed, without a breach of her neutral character, grant permission to both belligerents to equip their vessels-of-war within her territory; but without such permission the subjects of such belligerent Powers have no right to equip vessels-of-war, or to increase or augment their force, either with armed or with men, within the territory of such neutral nation. Such unauthorized acts violate her sovereignty and her rights as a neutral. All captures made by means of such equipments are illegal in relation to such nation."

That is just the principle on which the Foreign Enlistment act is based. It was passed for the defence of our neutrality against any invasion of it by other Powers, and not in consequence of any obligation imposed upon us. [Hear, hear.] If, then, a privateer, a ship or arms may be sold, unless the neutral State interferes to prevent it, what is the extent of the right which a foreign Government derives from the existence of the Foreign Enlistment act? Only this, that the foreign Government may appeal to the friendly spirit of the neutral State to restore its own rights according to its own unprejudiced judicial administration. The United States Government have no right to complain if the act in question is enforced in the way in which English laws are usually enforced against English subjects—on evidence, and not on suspicion—[loud cheers;] on facts, and not on presumption; on conclusive testimony, and not on the mere accusations of a foreign Minister or his agents. [Cheers.] The act must be not only interpreted, but executed according to law. If an act done in operation only on such evidence as each Government would deem sufficient to justify proceedings against any one. There is no comparison between the sale of a vessel-of-war by a neutral to a belligerent and such a case as that which happened lately in Brazil, where the property of British subjects was plundered on the shores of that country. That was a case in which, apart from local laws, international rights were infringed. But in the present instance the sale of a vessel-of-war is an offence purely because our own law has declared it to be so, and if any foreign Government have an interest in seeing that law enforced, they must be content to have it enforced according to the ordinary modes of proceeding in this country. [Hear, hear.] It is a great mistake to suppose that the law was meant to prohibit all commercial dealings in ships-of-war with belligerent countries. It was not intended to do so. Two things must be proved in every case to render the transaction illegal—that there has been what the law regards as the fitting out, arming and equipment of a ship of war, and that there was an intent that the ship should be employed in the service of a foreign belligerent. I am not going into an inquiry as to the construction of the act, but I may remind those who wish to get at the real truth of the matter of one or two points which have been decided by the Supreme Court of America, the highest tribunal in that country. The House will then see what may lawfully be done on the showing of the Americans themselves. There was a rather remarkable case, which occurred in 1822, and was decided by Judge STORY. The ship was called the *Independencia*. She was originally an American privateer, built and equipped for, and employed in the war between the United States and Great Britain. After the peace she was converted into a brig and sold. In January, 1816, she was loaded with a cargo of munitions of war by her new owners, inhabitants of Baltimore, and, being armed with twelve guns, constituting part of her original armament, she was sent from that port, under the command of CHAVEZ, a native citizen of the United States, to Buenos Ayres, then at war with Spain. By the written instructions given to the supercargo on this voyage, he was authorized by the owners to sell the vessel to the Government of Buenos Ayres if he could obtain a suitable price. She arrived at Buenos Ayres, having committed no act of hostility, but neither under the protection of the United States flag during the outward voyage. At Buenos Ayres she was sold, and soon afterwards, in May, 1818, assumed the flag and character of a public ship, and was understood by the crew to have been sold to the Government of Buenos Ayres; indeed, CHAVEZ himself made known these facts to the crew, asserting that he had become a citizen of Buenos Ayres, and had received

there is nothing in the evidence before us to contradict it.) there is no pretence to say that the original outfit on the voyage was illegal, or that a capture made after the sale was, for that cause alone, invalid."

[Hear, hear.] I must trouble the House with one more American question. The case occurred in 1832, and the doctrine laid down was this:

"The Collectors are not authorized to detain vessels, although manifestly built for warlike purposes and about to depart from the United States, unless circumstances render it probable that such vessels are intended to be employed by the owners to commit hostilities against some Power at peace with the United States."

[Hear, hear.] I do not deny that the United States are entitled to approach our Government, and to say, "You have been the subject of which will be injurious to us, and which you profess to desire in good faith to enforce. Here is a case as to which we can offer you evidence." Our Government always have been, and I have no doubt always will be, ready to attend to evidence furnished to them under such circumstances. But let not the House be misled so far as to suppose that there is an international ground of complaint merely because a ship of war with which the Confederate States may carry on their belligerent operations comes from this country. [Hear, hear.] A clear ground of complaint would exist if our Government themselves, directly or indirectly, were concerned in fitting out such a belligerent ship; but if it is merely a case of individuals doing that which would be lawful by international law in this country, if it were not for our Foreign Enlistment act—doing that which is only unlawful because there is a Foreign Enlistment act—then the whole extent of the right possessed by the United States is to ask us to administer our laws upon the same principles and in the same manner as we should administer them against our own subjects in a matter in which we were ourselves alone concerned. [Hear, hear.] So much I undertake to say our Government will always be ready to do; and of the minds of the people of the United States could be relieved from the prejudice, the bias, the false impression produced by the continued representations of their Government that their things are unlawful and against international law which they know well not to be so, [cheers,] I feel perfectly sure that no candid man in the United States could think that there has been a want of good faith on the part of our Government in anything which has occurred with respect to the *Alabama*. [Hear, hear.] My Honorable friend has said that the *Alabama* was not the first ship which had escaped from the country. That is true; there was the *Oreto*. What were the circumstances of that case? The *Oreto* was made the subject of due representation only before she left this country, because she sailed from Liverpool on the 22d of March, and effectively, as did the *Alabama*, and it was only on the day that a conversation took place between Mr. ADAMS and Lord RUSSELL, which might have led to her detention, if she had not gone. On the 10th of February the first and only information communicated to our Government was given by Mr. ADAMS. He stated a case which clearly called for inquiry. Accordingly, the Commissioners of Customs were directed to make an inquiry; they did so, and on the 23d of February, they reported that circumstances worthy of credit tended to show that the *Oreto* was going, or, at all events, was represented to be going, to Italy and not to America, and not a particle of evidence had been offered to the contrary. She was not fitted for the reception of guns, and had nothing on board but coals and ballast. There was consequently nothing to justify her detention—nothing but vague rumors and suspicions. No further representation was made, and the *Oreto* sailed on the 3d of March. What then happened? The circumstances of her departure, and the contemporaneous representation made by Mr. ADAMS to our Government, made it probable that she was really intended for the Confederate States, and that our Government had been imposed upon. Still, the case was not clear; there was nothing which a Court of law would have construed into a violation of the Foreign Enlistment act. Nevertheless, our Government immediately sent orders to Nassau, whither she was understood to have gone, and when she arrived there she was watched. Upon the appearance of a delivery of stores, which might be munitions of war from the *Oreto* while in our waters, although the case was doubtful, and it was questionable whether the evidence would prove sufficient, still, to show our good faith, we strained a point, and, acting upon some evidence, the *Oreto* was seized. What was the result? She was tried and acquitted, the evidence not being sufficient. [Hear, hear.] Did we show any want of good faith in that case? [Hear, hear.] With respect to the *Alabama*, the material facts may be shortly stated. On the 22d of June Mr. ADAMS first called the attention of our Government to the information he had received about the building of the *Alabama*. It had often been said before that there were many ships in preparation for the Confederate States, but he never gave any specific evidence in any case, except that of the *Oreto* and, what is more, we now know that, in fact, there were no other ships. The *Oreto* and the *Alabama* appear to be the only ships of the class which have been built in this country, whatever may be going on now, which is another question. When they received the representation of Mr. ADAMS on the 23d of June, our Government took the proper and usual course; they directed the Commissioners of Customs to have the case inquired into. On the 1st of July the Commissioners made their report to Lord RUSSELL; they said it was evident the ship was a ship of war, it was believed she was built for a foreign Government, but the builders would give no information about her destination, and the Commissioners had no other reliable source of information on that point. Were our Government wrong in not seizing the vessel then? The circumstances disclosed in the case tried before Justice BYLES were exactly the same as those which occurred in the case of the *Alabama*, and, in the absence of any further evidence, the seizure of that ship would have been altogether unwarrantable by law. [Hear, hear.] She might have been legitimately built for a foreign Government, and though a ship of war, she would have formed a legitimate article of merchandise even if meant for the Confederate States. Lord RUSSELL, of course, communicated to Mr. ADAMS the result of the inquiry by the Commissioners of Customs, intimating that if Mr. ADAMS could furnish any evidence it would receive attention. The Government have been accused of unreasonable delay. Was there ever a more unfounded accusation? What time did Mr. ADAMS take to get his evidence? He should have been ready with it from the beginning. Lord RUSSELL communicated with him on the 6th of July; 14 days passed away before he furnished any evidence whatever, and he did not complete his evidence till the 22d, on which day he produced two depositions. It was on the 23d that he transmitted his first series of depositions; he did not complete his evidence till the 24th, and the letter in which he sent them was not received till the 26th. So that he did not place the evidence on which he relied in the hands of the Government till the 26th of July. In the meantime he obtained the opinion of the honorable and learned member for Plymouth, who, on the 16th, stated his belief that there was a case of suspicion, but not enough to justify the detention of the vessel. When the evidence was completed it was laid before the honorable and learned gentleman, who, on the 23d, thought there was a case sufficient to warrant her detention. Upon that evidence, the legal advisers of the Government came to the same conclusion as the honorable and learned member. But I wish the House to understand, that in these depositions there was a great mass of hearsay evidence, which, taken by itself, could not form the basis of any action. Of the six depositions transmitted on the 23d of July, only one was good for anything at all, viz. The evidence of a person named PASSMORE, which was sufficient to prove material facts. Two more were sent, on the 24th, and another, on the 24th, and were received by Earl RUSSELL on the 26th—Mr. ADAMS having taken all that time to get his evidence ready. Now, what is the delay of which we are accused? The 26th was Saturday and the 27th Sunday. The complete evidence was not in the hands of Earl RUSSELL till the 28th, and he told Mr. ADAMS on the 28th, that is, on the Monday, that the law officers of the Crown were consulted. He got their opinion on the 29th, the next day, and that very same day a telegraphic message was sent down to stop the ship. [Hear, hear.] Really, Sir, one is shocked at the perversion of mind (hear, hear,) which arises under, I admit, the most excusable circumstances, for the House will give me credit for sincerity when I say that no one makes more allowance than I do for the natural feeling of irritation on the part of the American nation. No one can be more anxious than I am that we should stand straight with them and they with us. But I must say that but for the perversion of mind, consequent on an irritable state of feeling, traceable to causes with which we can sympathize, I cannot conceive how any human being could say that the Government have not acted with the promptitude which they ought to have shown. (Cheers.) I might, indeed, perhaps, understand such a complaint if grounded on some such theory as that because the safeguards of liberty have been suspended under circumstances of civil war in the United States, therefore they should be suspended in this country too, [cheers,] and the officers of our Government should do illegal acts and violate the law on mere accusation and suspicion. My honorable friend referred to an example of the way in which the United States Government carried out their Foreign Enlistment act during our war with Russia. Now, I do not mean to say that that Government did not act in a perfect good faith towards us in that war as we have acted toward them in this but if the facts are examined, it will appear that they did nothing whatever in regard to that vessel which is not exactly parallel to what we did in the case of the *Alabama*. What were the dates in reference to my honorable friend's example? Information was given by the British Consul of the circumstances upon which he based his belief that that was a ship of war intended for the Russian service, on the 13th of October, 1855. That information was accompanied by evidence raising a *prima facie* case as to the ship being fitted out as a ship of war; but he spoke only of his belief as to the destination. [Hear, hear.] That may be the mode of proceeding there, but I cannot see, because in the United States you may be warranted in acting upon belief as to destination, that it necessarily follows the same should be the case in this country also. I can explain the reason why there should be a difference in the practice there; but let us now look at the dates. That evidence which was held to be sufficient for action was given to the United States Government at Washington on the 13th of October. They telegraphed immediately to the proper officer at New-York, where the ship was, and what was ordered to be done was not to give a clearance to the vessel. That order was made on the 13th. Did we give a clearance to the Alabama? She sailed without a clearance. We did not in any way facilitate her departure; it was only by an evasion and a stratagem, violating the laws of the port, that she slipped out. The vessel cited by my honorable friend was not ordered to be stopped till the 17th. So that the interval between the transmission of the information on which the ship was ordered to be stopped and the time when the order was received by Her Majesty's Government was longer than the interval between the 13th of October and the 17th in the American case adduced by my honorable friend.

Mr. FORSTER—Take another case—the *Sumter*.

The SOLICITOR-GENERAL—That came to Her Majesty's Government without any evidence whatever—[hear, hear;]—and I am sure my honorable friend is not one of those who think that without any evidence whatever we ought to have stopped the vessel. Even Mr. ADAMS himself did not think that. When invited to send in his evidence, he took sixteen days to furnish any part of it; it was not complete till the 26th, and the order of the Government was given on the 29th. [Hear, hear.] But, of course, we are not going to spoil not this matter by hours and by days. It is enough to show that each of the two Governments acted with reasonable promptitude and dispatch; and there is not the least ground for believing that either Government supposed that in consequence of taking the moderate time they did the vessel would have escaped them. The United States Government appears to have a more convenient method than ours. Their Customs authorities have a Court always sitting ready to deal with such matters; but in this country the Customs authorities would have had to seize the ship on the responsibility of the Government; and it would be a direct violation of the law to do that, unless there was a justifiable cause for doing so. I cannot think there is any member of this House who seriously believes in his conscience that Her Majesty's Government did not act in good faith in this matter. Honorable gentlemen will scarcely say it was an unreasonable thing for them to take from Saturday till Tuesday to get the opinion of their responsible advisers on the evidence which the Customs authorities found to be insufficient at an earlier stage. My honorable friend asked what we propose to do as to other ships supposed to be building, and whether we hold that the Foreign Enlistment act is to be enforced only at the instance or a foreign Government. I have no hesitation in answering him. The Government by no means look upon that act as an act to be enforced only at the instance of a foreign Government. They are anxious to enforce it to the best of their power, but, of course, they must have legal grounds to proceed upon; and it will not do to tell us that six iron-clad ships are about to be built in this Kingdom, unless the Government have the means of knowing where they are to be built, by whom they are to be built, and also that they are to be built under such circumstances as will involve the parties in a violation of the law. We should be glad to receive from any quarter information on the subject; and I quite agree with my honorable friend that it would be well if the merchants of this country who may be invited to be parties to such acts, which are acts in violation of the law of their own country, and at the same time calculated, if not to involve the British Government in dangerous relations, at least to disturb the amicable intercourse between the two Powers—it would be well, I think, if gentlemen who may be invited to enter into undertakings of that description, whether for commercial or other objects, would reflect that it is the duty of merchants, as well as all other persons, to have some regard to the interests of their country and the interests of peace, and to have also some regard to the feelings of a foreign belligerent nation when the law of their own country is in accordance with its interests. Her Majesty's Government, I am sure, would without partiality follow up any clue they might possess in order to discover and prevent illegal practices; for they are undoubtedly anxious to put the law in force against any person really violating the law, and against whom they may be able to obtain legal evidence. And if our law is defective, it is for this House to consider whether it ought to be amended. If Her Majesty's Government thought it was so, they would be willing, in concert with the American Government, to consider how it might be amended. But they could not think it would be acting prudently or safely to come down to Parliament and propose an alteration in our law unless they had reason to believe that the American Government were prepared to take some steps to place their law also on the same basis. Moreover, whatever may be the good faith and intentions of any Government, without the cordial cooperation of its people it is impossible but that circumstances will from time to time arise when any law, however well devised, will be infringed or evaded. The case of our war with Russia has been quoted; but that is not the only war in which we have been liable to injury from a neutral State. The House recollects the Insurrection in Canada, and what was done by citizens of the United States. [Hear, hear.] What was the efficiency of the steps then taken by the United States Government? I do not say they were unwilling. I am not entitled to assume that, but if they were willing they were not able to prevent such acts as the attempted invasion of Canada by the ship *Caroline*. [Hear, hear.] I do not remember to have heard that the persons on board of her received any punishment from the United States Government, and yet, undoubtedly, acts in violation of international law were committed, and the Government were not able to prevent them. [Hear, hear.] I need not refer to other cases—to the expedition of a person named WALKER to Honduras—Loud cries of "Hear, hear"]—and many similar instances. I do not cast blame upon the United States for these acts, but I only draw from them the inference that, in times of excitement, in times when the spirit of adventure and political enterprise is abroad, violations of international law will occur, which, with all the good intentions in the world, a Government may not be able to prevent. [Hear, hear.] What is alleged against us? What is the extent of the acts committed, even by individual subjects of this country, which can be considered contrary to international law or any law of nations? Why, the building of these two particular ships? But it was not till the *Alabama* reached the Azores that she received her guns, her captain, or her papers, and that she hoisted the Confederate flag. [Hear, hear.] It is not true that she departed from the shores of this country as a ship armed for war. [Hear, hear.] But, whatever may have been the guilt of particular persons, this, at all events, I will say, that we have reason to congratulate ourselves, *as far as Government is concerned, that our neutrality has been strict, impartial and honest from end to end* [cheers]; and, as far as our people are concerned, it is a matter of some congratulation that hitherto no instances but those two are proved to have occurred. [Hear, hear.] On the other hand, I believe there have been a great many enlistments of British subjects into the service of the Federation. [Cries of "Hear, hear."] The House will recollect a remarkable letter at the end of these papers in which Mr. SEWARD maintains that the act of a certain officer of the American Government, who had held out inducements to the seamen of a British steamer to enter the belligerent service of the United States, could not be *very strongly complained of*. Mr. SEWARD says: "They were ready, and, it seems to me, that they could well have complained of severity and harshness if, being disposed, they had been refused permission to enter into the service of the United States." [Cries of "Hear, hear."] Is that no violation of neutrality? [Cheers.] But we can make allowance for those things, and although fairly entitled to remind the Government of the United States that they did not respect our neutrality in all cases, yet we do not pretend to say that the amicable relations of the two countries need to be disturbed on that account. [Hear, hear.] My honorable friend asked what explanation could be given of this, that though orders were sent to stop the ship at Queenstown, when she went to Port Royal, in Jamaica, she was not stopped. I do know the exact time when she was at Port Royal—I believe it was in January last. But I can appeal too high authority of the United States themselves for this fact, that although it may be true you may attach and confiscate a ship in a different port, yet it must be in the same course or voyage, and the offence is at an end, and is for all purposes of action blotted out when she has changed her ownership. [Hear, hear.] I do not know who there was at Port Royal to give instructions or to deal with the case, but this I do know, that, coming there in December or January last, at a time when she was the property of the Confederate States, it would have raised a very difficult question if she had been touched. [Hear, hear.] I have no reason at all to believe that if an opportunity had been offered proper means would not have been taken to consider and deal with the question, but it probably was found impossible to deal with the vessel, under the new circumstances, seeing that she had ceased to belong to British subjects, and had become the property of the Confederate States. I hope, then, the House will be satisfied that Her Majesty's Government are free from blame, and if what has been said to-night would only tend to remove the false impressions that may prevail on this question in the United States, so far from regretting the introduction of the subject by my honorable friend, I would look upon it as a matter for our congratulation. [Loud cheers.]

Mr. T. BAZLEY said he had listened with great regret and with great surprise to the hon. and learned gentleman, because *he believed the tone of his speech was not likely to allay the feeling of irritation which existed in America on this subject*. He was quite sure the hon. and learned gentleman did not wish to increase the irritation, and that the Government were anxious to conciliate rather than to provoke. But when the hon. and learned gentleman founded his speech, not upon the application of legal principles to the particular circumstances which the hon. member for Bradford had brought before the House, but upon a series of charges against the American Government, charges about the *Caroline* and about Honduras—circumstances which really did not enter into the case—*his speech must rather damage our position than have any good effect*. [Hear.] The hon. and learned gentleman hoped that America would be brought to reason by his speech. He (Mr. BAZLEY) was afraid that the United States would read that speech as an indictment against them for misconduct in times past. If ever there was a moment, if ever there was a question upon which every angry feeling ought to be eschewed, when that House and the Government ought to show the wisdom of forbearance, it was now when feeling had risen to such a height on the other side that nobody could predict what the consequences might be. He would ask the Government to consider whether the course they had pursued with respect to the *Alabama* was calculated to give confidence to the United States as to the friendly nature of our disposition. He was no lawyer, but he confessed he did not think the decision of Judge SHAW applied to this case. He said, "Here is a vessel that was sent to Buenos Ayres;" but had the *Alabama* ever gone into a Confederate port or ever been placed in the position to which the decision of Judge SHAW applied? [Hear, hear.] This was a most unfortunate case, because it led public opinion on the other side of the Atlantic to question very much the sincerity of our declarations of neutrality, and to believe that while we issued proclamations and had Foreign Enlistment acts in force we did not really wish to maintain the neutrality we proclaimed. It was most unfortunate that such a doubt should exist. There had been a great destruction of property, and great distress had resulted to British commerce. The loss in insurance which was rendered necessary was a great loss and heavy damage to British trade. And no one could tell where the feeling of animosity which had been engendered would rest. The House was aware that the President was already empowered to issue letters-of-marque. [Hear, hear,] and, if those letters were issued, was there any one who could say that the most frequent collisions might not occur, and endanger the peace of the two nations? [Hear, hear.] We saw already the seizures of British vessels by the blockading squadron originating, perhaps, in the feeling that we were not sincere in our professions. His honorable and learned friend had referred to what he represented to be parallel cases, yet the fact of the Crown lawyers having advised the Government to put the Enlistment act in force against the *Alabama*, was an admission that the Government ought to have arrested that vessel. [Hear.] The question was, did the Government take *proper precautions? He believed that on the 23d of June this matter was brought under the notice of the* Government. The matter was then referred to the Customs' authorities, whose duty it appeared to be to carry the act into effect. Nearly a fortnight elapsed before the report of the Customs' authorities was received. *It was impossible to accuse the Government of undue delay in obtaining information, and those who represented the Government at Liverpool appeared to have shut their eyes to facts that were notorious.* [Hear, hear.] It was discreditable that there should be a law on the statute-book which an eminent counsel could declare to be nothing better than waste paper. It was equally unfortunate that the Government had been so tardy in their operations, and that with the fullest desire, as he believed, to maintain the law, they should yet be so badly represented by their officers that the Customs' authorities at Liverpool were not aware of what was going on. [Hear, hear.] He confessed that it was by no means his wish to accuse the Government, or to provoke a feeling of opposition to them, on this question. [Hear.] His wish rather was that Her Majesty's Government should say something that would show the United States that they were anxious to guard against a recurrence of these events, and to prevent the construction, in this country, of vessels meant for destruction and not for fair fighting. Events such as had recently occurred could not fail to react unfavorably and cordially upon the minds of the country, and might possibly involve the two countries in hostilities, which all must deplore and be anxious, if possible, to avoid. [Cheers.]

Mr. BAIRD, after remarking that the speech of the Solicitor-General was the sort of speech he would have made in a Court where he held a brief, read two letters containing details of captures by the *Florida*, and of preparations made by the Confederate Government for the building of other similar vessels, which, he contended, was just as notorious as the fitting out of the *Alabama*. He was satisfied that the speech of the Solicitor-General would give no greater satisfaction to very many persons in this country, than to very many in the United States. Our neutrality was a cold and unfriendly neutrality, or the Government would prevent the sailing of these vessels, which tended to peril our friendly relations with the United States.

Mr. LAIRD read accounts of the aid supplied to the Northern States from this country, observing that, if the Confederates had obtained here two unarmed ships, the North had obtained large quantities of arms and munitions of war; and he mentioned applications made to him for armed vessels on the part of the Northern Government, offering to place the original letters in the hands of the Speaker or of the First Minister of the Crown.

Mr. S. FITZGERALD, in calling attention to the recent capture of the British steamship *Peterhof*, gave the particulars of the capture in question, for which, he maintained, there was no ground whatever, the voyage being a *bona fide* and straightforward commercial transaction, the cargo containing nothing of the nature of contraband. Nevertheless, the vessel had been seized, violently and illegally, as he contended, by Commodore WILKES, whose name was well known in connection with the outrage upon the *Trent*. After adverting to the proceedings in the American Prize Courts, he referred to an arrangement with the American Government of which Parliament had been left in ignorance, and which, he observed, had a bearing upon this transaction.

Mr. CRAWFORD added a few facts to those stated by Mr. FITZGERALD to show that the voyage of the *Peterhof* was *bona fide*—that there was nothing contraband in her cargo, and that she was proceeding to a legal port.

Viscount PALMERSTON then rose, and, after some remarks about Poland, said:

"In regard to the much more important practical question which has been raised by my honorable friend, the member for Bradford, I cannot but express some regret at the tone of his remarks, and still more at the tone taken by the honorable gentleman, the member for Birmingham. There is no use disguising it—that *whenever any political party, whether in or out of office, in the United States, finds itself in difficulty it raises a cry against England*—[cheers]—*as a means of creating what, in American language, is called political capital*. That is a course which we must very deeply regret, but so long as it is simply confined to their internal affairs, we can only hope—that being rather a *dangerous* game—it may not be carried further than they intend. [Hear.] But when a Government or a large party excite the passions of one nation against another, especially if there be no just cause, it must be felt that such a course has a great tendency to endanger the friendly relations existing between the two countries. We understand the object, and we do not feel that hesitation on the subject which we would otherwise have been justified in feeling; but if that cry is raised for the purpose of driving the Government of this country to take some course which may be contrary to the law of the country, or which may be contrary to the dignity of the country in the way of altering our laws for the purpose of pleasing another country, all that I can say is, that such a course is not likely to accomplish its purpose. Still, Sir, I very much regret the speech of my honorable friend the member for Bradford, and more particularly the speech of the honorable member for Birmingham, which are calculated to encourage that irritation which I think is totally unfounded on the part of the American people. I should hope that gentlemen bringing that question before the House would rather try to allay the irritation, instead of making out, as they endeavored to do, that the American people have just cause of complaint of the conduct of England and the English Government. With regard to the cause of the complaint, my honorable and learned friend, the Solicitor-General, in that admirable speech (cheers) which I listened to with the greatest delight, has demonstrated that *the Americans have no cause to complain. He has shown that the British Government have* done, upon representations made to them by the American Minister everything which the law of the country enabled them to do. Although I can very easily understand that in the United States, where, owing to the great irritation and animation produced by the civil war, men's minds have been led to forget in a great degree the obligations of law, they may not give that credit which is due to the arguments which we used—that he cannot go beyond what the law prescribes and authorizes; yet I think this House will see at least that the statement of my honorable and learned friend shows that *we have done with regard to the Foreign Enlistment act everything which the troubled and illegal state of the Confederacy* have argued as if seizing a vessel were equivalent to the condemnation of a vessel. It was said, "Why did you not seize the *Alabama*? You were told that it was known or believed that she was engaged for warlike purposes on the part of the Confederate States." Well, in the first place, you cannot seize a vessel under the Foreign Enlistment act unless you have obtained evidence upon oath authorizing just suspicions. We did not obtain such evidence. The American Minister said, "I tell you this—I tell you that—I am sure of this—I am sure of that;" but when we asked to produce the evidence upon oath, which was the only groundwork for proceeding, he says, "No; the information was given to the American Consul, and I cannot give you the evidence upon oath; but, nevertheless, you should act upon my assertions and suspicions, which I maintain are well founded." What would happen if you seized a vessel unjustly and without good grounds? There is a process of law to come afterward—[hear, hear]—and the Government would be condemned in heavy costs and damages. Are we going to undertake an illegal course which would lead to these consequences simply to please the agent of a foreign Government? We say that if there is any fault that fault is on the part of those who called upon us to do an act, but would not give us the grounds upon which that act would have been justified. I, myself, have great doubts whether, if we had seized the *Alabama* in the condition in which she was, we should not have been exposed to considerable damages, because it was stated, and generally known, that she sailed from this country unarmed, apparently unfit for war, and that her armament, equipments and crew were afterward given to her in a foreign port. Therefore her responsibility is that whatever suspicions there may have been—and well-founded, as the result proves—of her intended destination, circumstances would not have justified a Court of law in proceeding to take her from her owners and prevent her from quitting port. I can assure the House that Her Majesty's Government have no indisposition to enforce the conditions of the Foreign Enlistment act, whenever just cause may occur. The honorable gentleman, the member from Birmingham, reproaches us with exhibiting a cold and unfriendly neutrality. I don't know exactly what the meaning of such terms may be. They appear to me to be a contradiction—[laughter and "Hear"]—because if a neutrality is warm and friendly to the one party, it must be something very different toward the other—[laughter and cheers]—and ceases to be that which in common parlance is called neutrality between contending parties. Whether our neutrality is warm or cold, friendly or unfriendly, it is sincere and honest. [Cheers.] I can assure my honorable friend and the House that whenever it is in our power to enforce the provisions of that act, legally and accordingly to justice, we shall not be found wanting in the performance of our duty. It is a great mistake to suppose that we can see with pleasure any transactions going on in this country which have a tendency to violate not only the letter but the spirit of the Foreign Enlistment act. [Hear.] It would have been much more agreeable to us if all those supplies, which have been so well enumerated by the honorable member for Birkenhead, which have been furnished so abundantly to the one party and so scantily to the other—[hear.]—it would have been much more agreeable to us if the whole of the United Kingdom had [illegible] into the [illegible] to stop the sailing of [illegible] so-styled" Confederate [illegible]

And your petitioners will ever pray.

On behalf of the Liverpool Emancipation Society.

(Signed) CHAS. WILSON, Chairman.

LIVERPOOL, March 25, 1863.

OTHER AMERICAN TOPICS.

THE SEIZURE OF THE PETERHOFF.

On the 26th ult. a memorial regarding the seizure, by Admiral WILKES, of the British steamer *Peterhoff*, bound from London to the Mexican port of Matamoras, was presented to Earl RUSSELL through Mr. R. W. CRAWFORD, M. P. for London, and a reply was received that it should be laid before the law officers of the Crown, and have immediate attention.

The Shipping Gazette, referring to the seizure of the Peterhoff, remarks that this interference with British commerce threatens really to assume very formidable proportions. It is said that some portion of the *Peterhoff's* cargo was owned by French subjects, and the *Gazette* urges that the time has come for the English Government, and that of France, to unite in such a representation to the Cabinet at Washington as will compel a respect for neutral rights.

Messrs. BERRY & WEBB, shipowners, London, who have organized a line of steamers to Mexican ports, had addressed a letter to the *Shipping Gazette*, complaining of the great inconvenience likely to arise if Admiral WILKES continues arbitrarily to arrest British ships.

Rumors were current in London on the 27th that the action of Commodore WILKES had induced the British Government to order an addition to the British squadron in the West India waters, and the report caused a decline in the funds. The *Times*, in its city article, says:

"At one time yesterday Consols showed an improvement of ¼ per cent., but there was a partial reaction in the afternoon on a report that the law offices of the Crown had declared the seizure of the *Peterhoff* by Admiral WILKES illegal, and that our West India squadron will be forthwith ordered to protect the trade with Mexico from a repetition of this proceeding. A demand for the surrender of the *Peterhoff* will, it is assumed, be complied with, with as much promptitude as was exhibited in the *Trent* affair, although it may be doubted if even this second lesson will convince the Government of the loss of dignity they sustain by employing an officer so liable to fall into positions of humiliation."

The *Morning Post* says:

"Rumors were yesterday flying about, which had their origin in the recent seizure of the *Peterhoff* by Admiral WILKES. It was assumed that we were to have another *Trent* affair on our hands. As far as we know at present, the seizure of the *Peterhoff* is not likely to assume any alarming aspect, and it is not true that an additional force is to be dispatched to the West India Station. The case will be properly adjudicated. If Admiral WILKES was in the right, there will be nothing to complain of. If he was in the wrong, the owners of the *Peterhoff* will be amply indemnified. We may dismiss from our minds any anxiety as to a serious disturbance of our relations with the United States arising out of this affair."

MR. BRIGHT ON THE AMERICAN QUESTION AND SLAVERY.

A great meeting of "Trades Unions" was held at St. James' Hall, London, on the 26th, to express sympathy with the Northern States of America, and with negro emancipation. The principal speaker was Mr. BRIGHT, who presided. He said:

The question they had to consider was one of the greatest which had ever occupied the attention of the civilized world. He did not wonder at the revolution in America. When the Republic was born, he had written it the seeds of great peril. To be able to meet England, it was necessary to be united, and to be united Slavery had to be tolerated. Many in America had dreaded the destruction of their country more than they had hated Slavery. The principles of the North were irreconcilable with those of the South, and the contest had become inevitable. The fate of a whole continent was at stake. Some men said, that he, holding certain principles regarding the war, should take no part in the question, but in reply he argued that the people of England had not created the war, and they could not shut their eyes to the issues it involved. [Cheers.]

Not many of the noble and learned had been called to that meeting; but he was sure that the artisans who comprised it would express their sympathies on behalf of the North. "Privilege" came forth every morning, and with blatant voice cursed the American Republic. "Privilege" had beheld 30,000,000 people happy and prosperous, with no Emperor or King, nor State Bishop nor Priest. "Privilege" shuddered at what would happen in old Europe if the great experiment succeeded. [Loud cheers.] Did they know that within the last fifteen years some two and a half million of British people had found a home in America? Mr. BRIGHT then referred to the struggles which sometimes took place in England between capital and labor, and having remarked that the working people did, sometimes, things which they did not in their sober moments approve of, said that in the Southern States of America an easy solution of the difficulties connected with capital and labor was found. It was to consider the slave himself as capital. [Cheers.] It was also to be remembered that in the South it was not black men only whom the slaveholding class wished to enslave. [Cheers.]

Some people asked what was to become of the labor in Lancashire if the struggle was to be continued. Now, he was not prepared to say that a number of people in the cotton districts might not be caused to remove to other homes and find other employment, but the South was responsible for the calamities in which these people were involved. [Cheers.] The supply of cotton had been stopped because the South had desired to make Slavery perpetual. The South would not allow the cotton to come down to New-Orleans, in order that England's difficulties might be increased. Mr. BRIGHT then referred to the Confederate loan, and condemned it in strong terms. One of the objects of the loan was to pay for vessels being built for the South, and it was hoped there that the building of the ships would produce as much irritation in North States that England would be dragged into a war with America. For the sake of the profit which sometimes waited on crime, some men were content to cover themselves with everlasting infamy. [Cheers.]

Mr. BRIGHT, amid much cheering, concluded by expressing his opinion that, whatever might be the opinions or doings of those in the upper ranks, the working classes would be true to the cause of liberty.

Resolutions to carry out the object of the meeting were afterwards adopted, as also was an address to President LINCOLN, expressing warm sympathy with his cause.

FLUCTUATIONS OF THE REBEL LOAN.

From the London Post, March 28.

The Confederate Loan has advanced to 1¼@2 prem., in consequence of considerable purchases on Liverpool and Manchester account. The letters of allotment are to be issued this evening. The market has assumed a more steady appearance. Apart from the consideration of the last intelligence from New-York denote that the conscription will probably fail, and that there is a chance of the Federal Government being without an army in three months, when the Confederate Generals would find little difficulty in occupying Washington and dictating terms of peace—numerous parties, interested chiefly in Liverpool and Manchester, appear to consider that with the loan even at a premium of 50 per cent. the price of cotton obtained through it would only be 6¼ per cent. per pound, while the lowest quotation of the price to which cotton of the description enumerated in the prospectus might fall, in the event of peace, would be about 10d. per pound.

From the News, March 27.

The scrip of the new Confederate Loan has declined to 3¼@3¾ premium, either from realizations or from a more complete consideration of the whole affair. *The circumstance is not overlooked that such holders as are disinclined to incur our risks cannot transfer to this country the cotton hypothecated to them until after the declaration of peace.* Cases are heard of, however, in which British subjects, who have bought cotton in the South, have stored it up under the protection of the British flag, pending the present hostilities; and this is another aspect of the transaction which it may be to the interest of the bondholders to consider maturely.

From the European Times, March 28.

The scrip of the new Confederate Loan has undergone many fluctuations since our last. Yesterday morning it was as low as 1 premium, but had risen at the close of business to 1¾ to 2¼ premium. The purchases appear to have been chiefly for account of previous speculative sellers.

PARLIAMENT.

DEBATE ON RECRUITING IN IRELAND.

In the House of Commons on the 26th, Lord HERBERT THYNNE asked whether the attention of Government had been called to a statement that the Government of the Federal States of America were recruiting in Ireland. He wished to know if these statements were true; and, if so, whether the Government proposed to take any steps to prevent it.

Sir RODGER PEEL said no reports had been received on the subject. There had been numerous unauthentic information had been obtained, a, but no an-

THE RIOTS IN STALYBRIDGE.

In the House of Commons, on the 27th, the rioting at Stalybridge was referred to, and Sir G. GREY stated that he had no doubt the civil and military authorities would have no difficulty in suppressing any attempt to renew the disturbances. He stated that steps were being taken to adapt the machinery of the mills to Indian and other descriptions of cotton.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

There was no disturbance at Stalybridge on the 27th, but matters looked rather threatening.

The great annual boat race on the Thames, between the Oxford and Cambridge Universities, resulted in the easy victory of Oxford.

Queen VICTORIA had formally received at Windsor Castle deputations from the cities of London, Edinburgh, Dublin, &c., to present congratulatory addresses on the marriage of the Prince of Wales. This is the first time her Majesty has appeared in public since the death of Prince ALBERT. The Queen briefly returned thanks to each of the deputations.

The vote required from Parliament for the expenses of the royal wedding is £23,000 sterling.

A letter in the *Times* draws attention to the fact that in the manufacture of armor plates for ships of war France has beaten England hollow, some experiments with French plates at Portsmouth having shown powers of resistance far surpassing those of English manufacture. The French Ambassador at London had presented the Prince of Wales with the decoration of the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor from the Emperor of the French.

FRANCE.

The Bank of France, on the 26th ultimo, reduced the rate of discount from 4½ to 4 per cent.

A report had been current that Prince NAPOLEON had intrusted his private Secretary with a mission to the Polish insurgents, but it was said to be without foundation. Rentes closed on the 27th at 69.70.

POLAND.

The latest accounts from Poland are confused. The only circumstance to be clearly defined is the prevalence of fight, and the sudden disappearance from the scene of several thousand men. The town of Kielce was reported to be threatened by the insurgents. The Russians had quitted Michnelowicz, and were marching upon Slomnitki.

The London *Times* believes it is the opinion of all the Governments that a Congress is the best field for the proper examination of the questions connected with Poland, and Russia (says the *Times*) will interpose difficulties, if even she does not absolutely refuse to appear, but she has such weighty reasons for endeavoring to stand well with her Western neighbors, that she is hardly likely, in her present state of confusion and exhaustion, to prove wholly contumacious.

The *Neue Preussische Kreuze Zeitung* of Berlin says: "We learn that the reserve corps which had assembled on account of the concentration of troops upon the Polish frontier, will be dismissed on the 1st of April."

All the insurgents belonging to the Kingdom of Poland, who have fallen into the hands of the Austrians, have considerately been sent into the interior, to be imprisoned in the fortresses. If given up to the Russians, they would almost certainly be shot.

A Vienna telegram says that LANGIEWICZ had been set at liberty on parole. He and his followers proceeded to Brunn-Moravia. The violation of the Galician frontier by the Russians will be considered "as a violation of international law." LANGIEWICZ was expected in Paris.

ITALY.

In the Chamber of Deputies on the 26th, a debate took place upon the report of the Committee on the petitions in favor of Poland. The Committee proposed that the petitions should be referred by the Chamber to the Ministry, confident that the Government will act by all opportune means for the welfare of Poland.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs agreed to the report of the Committee. In explanation of the policy of the Government, he expressed a hope that the magnanimous emancipation of the serfs would not fail to extend clemency to Poland. In consequence of the strong expression of the sentiments of the country, the Government had given vent to its opinions on the subject in a note. England had forwarded the copy of a note inviting Italy to join with her in the matter. The Government of the King hastened to accept the offer. Italy, while retaining her liberty of independent action, would occupy her place in the agreement of European Powers. [Applause.]

Several Deputies spoke in favor of Poland. The recommendation of the Committee was finally agreed to.

INDIA.

Private telegrams had been received to the following effect:

BOMBAY, Friday, March 13.

Cotton goods have further advanced to the extent of 2 annas. The statements as to cotton are contradictory; one dispatch calling it higher, and another calling it lower. Freights to England 75s. Exchange, 2s. 1d.

CALCUTTA, Thursday, March 12.

Freights drooping and 5s. lower.

Advices from Cochin China announce the arrival of French reinforcements from Shanghai and from France. The City of Going had been taken without resistance. The enemy retreated upon the approach of the French troops.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

The mails from the Cape of Good Hope to the 20th February had reached England. Trade was dull.

The drought had disappeared, and rain had fallen in abundance. Extensive failures had taken place in the Eastern Provinces, through depression in the price of wool. Dr. LIVINGSTONE had returned in the *Pioneer* to Quilimain.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

The funds had been firm, and prices were higher, but on the 27th the rumor that orders had been issued to reinforce the West India squadron in consequence of the seizure of the *Peterhoff*, caused a decline, and Consols closed dull at 91¾@¾.

Money was in fair demand at unchanged rates.

The weekly returns of the Bank of England show an increase in the bullion of £217,402.

The allotment letters of the Confederate loan were issued on the 27th, and partial realizations caused a decline in the quotations from 2¼ to about 1¼@2 premium.

AMERICAN SECURITIES.

BARING BROTHERS say prices are nominal and without variation in the quotations.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, March 28—A. M.

COTTON—The Brokers' Circular says: There has been a moderate inquiry throughout the week, and although holders have evinced no disposition to accede sales, the market has been well

LATEST COMMERCIAL, BY THE AFRICA.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

COTTON—The sales of the week are reported at 50,000 bales to speculators and 5,000 bales to exporters. The market opened quiet, with a decline of 1d. on American and Surat, and quiet for other descriptions. The sales to-day reach 10,000 bales, including 1,000 to speculators and exporters—the market closing firmer, with an upward tendency. The quotations are:

	Fair.		Middling.
Orleans	32d.	Orleans	29d.
Mobile	31½d.	Mobile	29½d.
Uplands	32d.	Uplands	31d.

Stock in Port—560,000 bales, of which 95,000 bales are American.

TRADE REPORT.

The advices from Manchester are favorable, the market for Cotton goods being buoyant, with an advance of 1d.

BREADSTUFFS—The market heavy, with a downward tendency. Flour nominal. Wheat dull and tending downward; prices declined 1d. Corn steady, at 30s. 3d. for Mixed.

PROVISIONS—The market is downward in tendency. Beef still declining. Pork quiet and steady. Bacon declined 1s. Cheese 1s. 6d. lower. Lard dull and declined 6d. @ 1s. LONDON, Saturday Evening.

Consols 92¼ @ 92½ for money. Bullion in bank increased £477,000.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday Evening, March 28.

COTTON—Sales, to-day, 8,000 bales, including 1,000 bales to speculators and exporters. The market closes firm and unchanged.

BREADSTUFFS—The market is dull, but steady.

PROVISIONS—The market is heavy and inactive.

PRODUCE—The market is quiet and steady. Petroleum quiet, at 1s. 5d. @ 1s. 6d.

LONDON, Saturday Evening.

Consols close at 92¼ @ 92½ for money.

AMERICAN SECURITIES—Illinois Central shares, 43 @ 44 discount; Erie Railroad, 43 @ 44.

The Confederate Loan is quoted at 1¼ @ ¾ premium.

The temporary alarm about the case of the *Peterhoff* has subsided, and the Funds are firmer to-day.

AFFAIRS AT KEY WEST.

The Steamer Vanderbilt Coaling—Prizes Captured—Prize Business before the Court—Refugees from Apalachicola, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

KEY WEST, Fla., Monday, March 30, 1863.

The steamer *Vanderbilt* is now at the naval wharf with two coal vessels outside, receiving her supply of 1,000 tons at every quarter and on both sides. She arrived here on the 26th, and from her great size and noble proportions, has excited much commendation and curiosity. Our citizens have been numerous on board, receiving the welcome, hospitality and courtesy of her officers. The will leave, as soon as coaling is completed, for a cruise on the West India grounds.

The Spanish topsail schooner *Angelina*, from New-York for Matamoras, with a full and assorted cargo, is wrecked on the Florida Reef, near Carysfort Light-House, and has bilged. Wreckers are at work saving the cargo, and one load arrived this morning, all of which is wet, and packages badly broken up. It is reported that the wreck was breaking in at bottom and cargo washing out at last accounts, but the wreckers were in considerable numbers near by at the time, and will probably save the whole cargo that may not be perishable, at once. The goods will be sold as they arrive.

The schooner *Two Brothers* was brought into port on the 27th, a prize to the steamer *Tioga*, Capt. CLARK, who captured her about 60 miles from Abaco, from Havana, bound to Dixie with an assorted cargo. The prize-master states that the *Tioga* had also captured the English (rebel) iron screw-steamer *Gremio City*, after a hard chase of six hours, when she was throwing over cargo in efforts to escape. She has been sent to New-York for trial, and has a valuable cargo, said to be worth $600,000, from Nassau for St. John.

During the last two weeks there have been sold here, at Marshal's sale, about 25 small vessels, blockade-runners; and, although they have none of the prestige of success in that business, yet they have been eagerly bought up at large prices, and our shipyards and wharves have presented an unusual appearance of activity in repairing, fitting up and newly painting this fleet, preparatory to another effort at transporting goods and merchandise to Dixie, via Nassau and Havana. Of course, our people, having all taken the oath, would not do this thing directly, on *principle*—they are decidedly safe from that—and merely purchase and fit out the vessels for those who, more venturesome of their capital, are willing to embark it in such an enterprise. The foreign clearances at Key West for the last month are over 40, and the foreign entries less than 20; and the places for which nearly all the foreign clearances are made are Nassau and Havana, showing how the trade moves. Several of these vessels have now been condemned here the second time, and probably will be a third time. Is it wise policy thus to furnish and fit out vessels to hand for blockade runners?

The amount of prize business before the Court here is, and has been, very large. There is now one vacancy, owing to the removal of Commissioner GERRELINE CRAVEN, who has been considered an attentive, vigilant and accurate officer, and his removal excites some surprise. The vacancy requires to be filled at once, and, to accord with the recent acts of Congress, the appointee must be a naval officer.

A prize case of more than ordinary interest occurs in the arrival of the English (rebel) schooner *Florence Nightingale* on the 16th, in charge of a prize-crew from the steamer *Conrad*. This schooner was captured by the *Octorara* about ten miles from Nassau, pretending to have cleared at Matamoras for New-York with a full load of cotton, and had been on fire, burning out her cabin and a part of the cargo and mainmast. The Captain said it was accidentally fired by the upsetting of the binnacle-lamp. Upon arrival of the schooner here she was at once recognized by the officers of the steamer *Sagamore* as the same vessel they had boarded at Musquito Inlet, Florida, about ten days previously, when they were fired upon by the rebels, who were concealed in numbers on the shore, the vessel lying at the bank, and on fire at the time. The battle lasted nearly an hour, during which the crew of the *Sagamore* lost one man killed, and four wounded, and were compelled to abandon their prize, which now so harmlessly falls into the hands of another cruiser. It is learned that the rebels in the engagement lost two men killed, and several wounded. The schooner is a New-York vessel, under English colors, and has 130 bales of cotton. Vessel worth $3,000; cargo, $45,000.

The schooner *Surprise*, from near Bay Post, Fla., with 200 bales of cotton, was captured by the steamer *Huntsville*, Lieut.-Commanding ROGERS, about eighty miles west of Tortugas, and arrived here on the 16th. A sure prize to the captors, and worth, vessel and cargo, about $70,000. This vessel was loaded at Choctowatchee River, and claims no other than rebel ownership.

The United States steamer *Huntsville*, Lieut.-Com. ROGERS came into port on the evening of the 20th from Apalachicola, Fla., with about thirty refugees, men, women and children, who have escaped from the neighborhood of Apalachicola, where they say that complete anarchy and desolation prevail. One man who arrived here with his wife says that a friend of his, who was also endeavoring to effect the escape of his wife, for whom he had interceded, was overtaken by the mounted regulators, and, with remorseless barbarity, was at once hung with a bridle. This party of regulators are scouring the country thereabouts, living upon plunder, and with savage fury executing all who are found manifesting sympathy for the Union or even trying to escape from Dixie. Another of these refugees, and a very intelligent man, says that in the second conscription act of the rebels they forced off every man that could in any way handle a musket, whether old men or young ones, and that some were taken who had but one arm, and others who were sick and unable to go. He is himself a cripple in one foot, and walks very lame yet; they were on the point of compelling him to go, and he says that he was apprehensive that in the next draft he would certainly be a victim. He utters the free and spontaneous sentiments of a loyal man, that convinces of his sincerity, and says that hundreds of his neighbors and acquaintances are in the rebel army in defiance of their strongest opposition. That the men are all gone but the very old and the crippled. There is no intention of [illegible]

[illegible] the night of the 23d, the U. S. tug *Commodore Dunn*, arrived from Apalachicola, having in charge two prizes which she had captured on the Bahamas; and the circumstances connected with the capture of one of them are so peculiar as to attract more than ordinary notice. It appears that upon information given by the Captain of the schooner *Tujon* to the *Octorara*, she proceeded to Elbow Key, and there, or near there, made prize of the Confederate sloop *Rosalie*, of Charleston, under the rebel flag, and in charge of an ex-naval officer. The small vessel, being a fast sailer, was sent out in charge of Acting Master J. A. Johnson and five men—John Bowerman, Quartermaster, and John Jackson, William Cope, John A. Graham and John Tobin, seamen—on a cruise, and soon fell in with a large schooner near Abaco Light, showing English colors. They crowded sail and stood after the schooner, on board of which they were only anticipating an interview with a fellow blockade runner. When running along side, our crew of six men boarded the schooner and announced their intention to make an examination of the vessel, which resulted in their taking full possession of the craft and crew, consisting of nine men all told. She proved to be the schooner *John Williams*, of Nassau, heavily laden, and is governed to have arms and ammunition on board. She is a substantial vessel of about 180 tons, a good model and a good sailer. The sloop *Rosalie* has a small cargo of assorted goods from Nassau, and is known to have run the blockade numerous times from Charleston. F.

INTERESTING FROM MEXICO.

The French Forces Still Twelve Leagues from Puebla.

The Attack Expected to Commence on the 14th ult.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Monday, March 30, 1863.

The French mail steamer *Florida*, of the line between St. Nazario and Vera Cruz, has arrived at Santiago de Cuba, but brings no news of a later date than was brought to Havana by the *Allier*, as mentioned in my last letter.

On the 7th of March the French forces occupied their former line of Nopaluca, Guamantla, Acuilcingo, Tecamachalco and Cholula, with the large advanced guards at Acajete and Tepeaca. The headquarters, together with that of the convoys, was at Acuilcingo, at about the distance of twelve short leagues from Puebla and seven from the advanced posts.

The Mexican vanguard was at Amozoc, and the reserve, under the command of Gen. CONTRERAS, consisting of 2,000 cavalry, was at St. Martin, eight leagues from Puebla, on the high road to the Capital of the Republic.

Of a convoy consisting of thirty-one wagons, which left Tejeria on the 9th, taking provisions for the garrisons of Paso Ancho, Chiquihuite, Cordoza and Orizaba, the guerrillas took away two rows of mules.

The mounted force, called *Guardia Urbana*, composed entirely of French, Spanish, Italian and Greek adventurers, with here and there a Mexican, raised by the Swiss, Mr. SEXIN, to act as counter guerrillas, having their headquarters at Medellin, and consisting of about one hundred men, is now commanded by a French Colonel, without any regiment to command in France, called M. DUPIN, who finding himself at Medellin without any force, imposed a contribution upon the poor miserable village on the 11th, forcing the wealthiest inhabitants to pay $800.

Some of them refused to pay the quota imposed by Col. DUPIN, and were in consequence locked up in jail. As soon as the news reached Vera Cruz, some one made it known to the superior officer in command, Mr. DURAND SAINT AMAND, who sent for Col. DUPIN, and reproved him severely, causing the money to be returned to the parties from whom it had been taken.

The correspondent of the *Diario de la Marina*, says that the work on the batteries to cannonade Puebla would be begun on the 6th, and that the letters received from headquarters at Vera Cruz, mention the 14th as the day on which the place was to be attacked—that is to say, the ports of Loreto and Guadalupe.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the East, Gen. OZZENA, addressed a proclamation, on Feb. 28, to the inhabitants of the States of Puebla, Tlaxcala and Vera Cruz, forbidding all communication with the invader.

Gen. WOLF arrived at Vera Cruz on the 12th of March by the French mail steamer. It was said there that he had been decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor, and had been received several times by the Emperor NAPOLEON.

The convoy from Orizaba, arrived at Vera Cruz on the 16th, with the correspondence for the French mail steamer, but it brought no news from Puebla, although a fortnight had elapsed since FOREY had bid the inhabitants farewell in two proclamations.

It is stated that the number of deserters in Puebla and its neighborhood exceeds 600, without counting those who have left their ranks from Tampico and Jalapa. This is a much larger number than deserted from the Spanish army, there only remaining 200 in Vera Cruz when the army left, and many of these afterward returned to Havana, where a pardon was offered to all who would return.

The newspapers of Vera Cruz have been lately publishing a decree of President JUAREZ, dated Jan. 22, from which we extract the details which will prove of most interest:

First.—By means of the Governor, there will be seized and sold to the highest bidders the property which, in places not occupied by the enemy, exists and belongs—

1. To those who, by their actual conduct, are to be considered guilty of some crime of treason or sedition, defined and punished by the laws, and to those who, in the future, shall be found in the same order.

2. To those who have committed any of these crimes, and were not included in the amnesties, pardons and restorations to civil rights, granted after the restablishment of constitutional order.

3. To those who have written in favor of foreign intervention, or have asked for it officially or privately, or to those who shall henceforth do so.

Secondly.—There shall be likewise seized and sold in the form prescribed by the first article, the products, rents and revenues which, in places under the authority of the Government, are for the benefit of Mexicans resident in places under the power of the French army.

Thirdly.—When the enemy abandons any place, the Mexicans who resided in it at the same time as the invading troops shall not suffer for the sole fact of that residence, they imprisonment or seizure of the property which they may possess in that place, provided they prove through the governing power that it was impossible for them to remove to another place through sickness, want, or a stronger force. But if, apart from that residence, they have afforded the invader any aid, they shall be subject to what the present legislative and this decree order for that description of crimes.

Admiral LA GRAVIERE had been complimented with a ball at Carmen, on the occasion of his arrival there with the Imperial squadron. An agreement was entered into between Admiral GRAVIERE and Gen. MARIN that, in accordance with the policy pursued by Gen. FOREY, no act of hostility should take place in the States of Yucatan and Tabasco.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS.

Recall of the Prussian Minister in Mexico at the Request of the Mexican Government.

No. 1.

[Translation.]

MEXICO, Sept. 29, 1862.

MR. MINISTER: A large number of foreigners have expressed to me their fears that the payment of the new tax of one per cent. on movable and immovable property on the 12th of this month will be exacted from them.

As this tax is exactly equal to the former ones of one, and two per cent. on capitals, I could not help in my answer referring to the last explanations and resolutions had upon this subject, and according to which foreigners are exempt from that kind of contributions. In consequence they will not be obliged to make the report of which article 3d speaks in the above-mentioned decree.

In fact, if we look to the resignation and regularity with which foreigners pay in the difficult circumstances when they cannot make enough even to pay their daily expenses with twice as much of ordinary import paid in advance, and with an extra charge of 25 per cent., the Government must, for the sake of its own dignity, so manage that foreigners be not made to contribute to the new tax, which, however it may be qualified, is only occasioned by the actual war, the success of which the nation must feel for its existence, and which, therefore, ought to be borne by all its inhabitants. Foreign Governments, too, and more especially those with which we are at peace, would naturally change their opinion, if, through extraordinary measures, carried to the extreme, we should be compelled to abandon the line of their strict neutrality, which is so appropriate to the interests of the Mexican Government.

Please to accept, Mr. Minister, the assurances of my high consideration. E. DE WAGNER.

His Excellency Señor D. JUAN ANTONIO DE LA FUENTE, Minister of Foreign Affairs, &c., &c., &c.

A true copy. WASHINGTON, Nov. 25, 1862. ROMERO.

No. 2.

[Translation.]

NATIONAL PALACE, MEXICO, Oct. 2, 1862.

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE: Your Excellency has done me the honor to announce to me, by your letter dated the 29th of the past September, that many foreigners having expressed to you their fears lest they should be required to pay the one per cent., which is the rate of the new contribution, your Excellency quoted them by referring to the late explanations and the measures taken in reference to this matter, in virtue of which foreigners were exempted from this class of taxes. Your Excellency declares, in consequence, that these persons will not make the manifestation prescribed by the law of the previous 12th of September. Your Excellency then solicits the confirmation of this opinion, saying that the great unfrequency of appeals by foreigners, the dignity even of the Mexican Government, the care that the nation ought to take to carry on the present war on its own resources, and finally, the change that would be effected in the disposition of foreigners as to neutrality if this contribution should be made to extend to them, all conspire to establish the exemption claimed for them.

It is painful, indeed, to have to inform your Excellency that you have fallen into a serious error in the judgment which you have formed and transmitted to me on this subject. The Government of the Republic is perfectly versed in the principles of international right, public and private, the full freedom of action appertaining to it as a sovereign nation, at all times and under all circumstances.

The unjust war which the Emperor of the French has commenced against us, far from abating, increases the right which Mexico has, though your Excellency seeks to deny it, to establish general imposts, to the payment of which not only native born citizens, but foreigners also, without any distinction whatever, ought to submit; and of this kind is the tax of one per cent., which the Government of the Confederation has imposed.

There is question, then, of a general law; and your Excellency, aspiring to deprive it of this attribute of generality in favor of foreigners ought, in my judgment, to show, not by special favors, but by the testimony of treaties made between Mexico and other nations, or else by good and sufficient reasons, or, in fine, by generally acknowledged usages, that it is contrary to the dignity of the Republic or of its Government to establish imposts to which alike on its own citizens and on foreigners residing within its territory.

I believe myself, then, Sir, authorized to say, because I can prove it, and will in effect prove it, that the teachings of the publicists, the conventional law of nations acknowledged by the civilized world, and the international law of Mexico, are perfectly of accord in recognizing and authorizing in every sovereign nation the right of imposing general contributions obligatory upon all the inhabitants of the country. Without seeking to amass the opinions of publicists on this point, I will confine myself to a few, yet such as to merit your Excellency's entire consideration for the authors who assert and maintain them. I begin with KLUBER, who ought to be for your Excellency as familiar, at least, and as respectable, as the best masters of public law.

Treating of the independence of a State in its relations with the national property, he says: "There is no sovereign State which is not likewise independent relatively to its finances; whence we infer that its regulations on the subject are binding upon foreigners as far as regards their residence, their commerce, and their property in said State. In return for the protection which it affords them, *they are subject to all taxes imposed, ordinary and extraordinary, direct and indirect, real and personal*." Notwithstanding this, he continues: "There are some States in which foreigners, by virtue of treaties or of the laws, are excepted from some imposts for a determinate time, and ordinarily if is stipulated in commercial treaties that contributions are to be imposed equally with native-born subjects, or sometimes with those of the most favored nation." *Modern European Law of Nations, page 2, tit. 1, § 68.*

WHEATON, speaking of the commencement of war and of its immediate effects, (*Elements of International Law*, part 4, sec. 17,) explains the meaning of residence, in virtue of which a foreigner is exposed to reprisals, and says that the English Court of Admiralty has not adopted the severity of the rules regarding private individuals, even though the question concerned Englishmen resident in an enemy's country, on the breaking out of hostilities. To prove it he quotes a decision in which these principles were applied to foreigners resident in Saint Eustatius, and it was declared "that under every aspect they should be considered as subjects resident; that their persons, lives and property were liable to be employed in the service of the State whose protection they received; *that if their residence there continued at the time of the breaking out of the war, they paid their contributions, as far as concerned them, just as native-born subjects, it being beyond doubt that they should be comprehended among these last.*"

In the testimony which I have just transcribed I have the double authority of the publicist who quoted it and of the international tribunal which assumed it as the foundation of its decision.

I am aware of the declaration held by VATTEL, which exempts foreigners from taxes created to sustain the rights of the nation. But, in the first place, this idea is not accepted by any other publicist, and Pufendorf as FERRERAS, the celebrated commentator of VATTEL, in his note on paragraph 109 of chap. 3, in which is found the passage to which I allude, explains *that the traveler, and he who is only passing through a foreign country, have the right, not of total or partial exemption from general imposts, but that their quota should not exceed the advantages of which the possession is guaranteed to them.* And your Excellency knows that there is not a question at present of travelers, or transitory persons, but of residents, of people of the country, artisans, merchants, and even landed proprietors; and in mentioning these last I may, indeed, confess my surprise has no limit, when I see claims for them an exemption to which they are in no case entitled, being, as they are, an accessory of their real property and all appertaining to it, considered, in every country, exactly equal to the natives of the country where they reside.

Besides this, VATTEL is open contradiction to himself, when, while establishing that foreigners is exempt from paying the taxes imposed to sustain the national rights, he declares him obliged to defend those rights with his person. "Foreigners," he says, "are bound by the laws of the State whilst they reside in it, and ought to defend it, since it affords them its protection."—(*Law of Nations*, book 1, sec. 213.) VATTEL exempted property and bound persons. Much more rational and more worthy is the modern law which exempt persons from this service and subjects property to contribution. The majority of all writers on public law agree in recognizing the power of an invading enemy to levy contributions on the inhabitants of a district subjected by his arms, the question which occupies us is decided by that circumstance alone in favor of the Republic, since VATTEL, with other publicists, and common sense before them all, proclaim that the rights of war are absolutely the same for both belligerents.

As far as regards usage, I will rely solely on those of Mexico, because I know that the French Government periods present a character of rigor which the progress of philosophy has fortunately mitigated. In what country, then, Sir, are foreigners now exempted, in time of peace, from paying the taxes which are destined for fortifications, for shipbuilding, for the general maintenance of the army and navy? If your Excellency's position were tenable, from hence should commence the exemption of foreigners from cooperating in the defence of the State. But if a foreigner resident refuses for all the charges of war, and this without contradiction, why should he not contribute when the time comes to employ them? But laying reasoning aside, I come to real practice. In the Crimean and Italian wars was there, perchance, any concession made, or, at least, any demand presented, in this respect? Is it anywise different in the present domestic war of the United States? Why, then, is it thought to impose on Mexico, and on Mexico alone, such trammels and humiliations, completely opposed to the acknowledged usages of all nations, ancient and modern? To have for the Mexican Republic scales and measures different from those used in treating with more powerful nations, is an evident disregard of the eternal and universal laws of justice, on account of our weakness. But, for once, they are deceived who deem that weakness excessive, and, in any case, it would be an enormous deception to imagine this a reasonable time to compel us to the acceptance of an injustice which we are in respondence to sanction everything to secure its real independence.

To return to the question, I must confess myself totally ignorant why your Excellency should have asserted that the Government had resolved in favor of foreigners in the case of the one per cent. decreed in the August of last year. I should have thought, on the contrary, that your Excellency would have retained fresh in your memory the inflexibility with which that impost was maintained against all demands for exemption, founded on the rights of aliens.

As for the two per cent. the condescension of the General Government toward foreigners cannot be converted into a permanent right, because, in the first place, it was remunerative, and then it was a simple act of generosity, but a special one, and without any declaration that could authorize its application to other imposts repeated, reasonably or unreasonably, identical with that which was the subject of that favor. Into well known that the orders by which it was conceded began to be issued in April, 1861, because, with this condition, the Commissioners of the allied Powers, then assembled at Orizaba, had offered to yield us the Custom-house of Vera Cruz. Events took another direction, and the war with France supervened; but it appeared to the Government that to assent the privileges already granted, or to establish an inequality between foreigners themselves, exacting the tax from some and remitting it to others, were outrages equally inadmissible.

On the 15th of May, of the year referred to, Señor DOZELAS, my predecessor in this office, dispatched to Gen. TAZIA, Governor and Commandant of Puebla, a telegram in the following terms: "You will [illegible]

[illegible] Mexico, Oct. 7, 1862.

MR. MINISTER: I have read attentively the interesting note of your Excellency, of the 2d of this month, relative to the new tax upon capitals.

I have no doubt that your Excellency is acquainted with the works on political economy which treat on that subject, and which consider those taxes as prejudicial and illegal.

Neither law nor public opinion can justify them. But the maxims of the authors which your Excellency has quoted, and some of which are matters subject to objection, could not be applied, but to lawful and practical imposts, and not to those, which are acknowledged as bad and hurtful.

Furthermore, the financial system and social state of Mexico being unknown to those authors in the age in which they wrote, their maxims cannot refer to a state of things entirely unforeseen.

It seems to me to be entirely unnecessary, under the present circumstances, to prolong the discussion of the question of right on which your Excellency treats so learnedly; but I am still of the opinion that foreigners should, for many reasons, and even for the interest of the Mexican Government, be exempt from that tax.

Moreover, these the Government treats on the manner adopted toward foreigners, I will not fail to advise them to act prudently, yielding to force, but reserving always their rights in the matter.

Accept, Mr. Minister, the assurances of my high consideration. E. DE WAGNER.

His Excellency Señor D. JUAN ANTONIO DE LA FUENTE, Minister of Foreign Affairs, &c., &c., &c.

A true copy. WASHINGTON, Nov. 25, 1862. ROMERO.

No. 4.

[Translation.]

NATIONAL PALACE, Mexico, Oct. 8, 1862.

MR. MINISTER: If your Excellency, in the note which I had the honor to address you, dispatched the 7th of the present month, had merely indicated a desire on your part to put an end to the question con-

[illegible] money was admitted, and we have the interesting spectacle of an effort to discover the circumstances of the tissue of the young men who originally reported and proved that the Tribune party, as everyone knows, was a mere demonstration. The whole thing is simply disgusting. Under Judge BOSS's administration, TWEEDY being a registered money-changer, had no status in Court, until he took the oath of allegiance, and this should be the case now, for what right in God's name have equal rights accorded in the United States in Judge FRANCOT's Court? Among the persons called to the stand to rebut the originally given testimony of the character of Mr. TWEEDY's party, was Mr. ALFRED MUNROE, a well known merchant of this city, and is all respects, except his political proclivities, a most estimable gentleman. An extract of the *Eve's* report of this case will serve to show the character of the whole proceeding:

"ALFRED MUNROE testified to the same, in substance as Mr. PRESCOTT in his testimony in chief, and on being cross-examined by Mr. DAY, he to whom he took the oath, he replied that he did not mention the precise date, but could tell by referring to the document. He was then asked under what circumstances he had taken it. To this question Mr. BOSS interposed an objection to the manner of Mr. DAY's cross-examination, contending that the witnesses were called only to testify as to the facts of what actually occurred at the fair.

Mr. DAY insisted upon his right to show that these witnesses, claiming to be good Union men, were not entitled to be so considered. That although they had taken the oath, they were still secession sympathizers, that they had no respect for the oath of allegiance they had taken, and therefore their testimony in favor of TWEEDY was not to be credited. If, however, they decided to answer on the ground that they might criminate themselves, they were entitled to the protection of the Court.

The Court decided there must be a limit to the cross-examination, and that it had already gone as far as either the time of the Court or the importance of the case warranted.

Upon which ruling Mr. DAY remarked that in twenty years' practice he had never before been so strictled in his cross-examination of a witness, and asked if he might put the following question to the witness: "On which side now are your sympathies?"

The Court gave him permission to ask the witness the question.

Mr. MUNROE replied that it would take him a long time to fully explain himself, but he could answer the question in very few words, by saying that his sympathies were with the South."

Day before yesterday an outrage occurred here upon the military authorities which deserves a passing notice. A notorious robber, named CORNING, who has been in the Penitentiary, and finally enlisted after having served his time out in that institution, and, if it is the Workhouse in this city, was yesterday shot by Sergeant E. B. GREVEN, of the Provost Marshal's Guard, and belonging to the Twelfth Maine regiment, in endeavoring to escape from him while conveying the rascal to the Parish prison. CORNING and another scoundrel, named M. C. REID, were tried during the morning before the Provost Court, for highway robbery upon the person of RUDOLPH DE BASS. The circumstances of the robbery were of the most atrocious character, but the proof was positive against them, which, added to their previous bad reputations, they both being old Penitentiary birds, secured their conviction. They were sentenced to five years' imprisonment each in Fort Pickens. After sentence they were handcuffed together, and started in charge of Sergeant GREVEN to the Parish prison. On reaching Dauphine-street CORNING had managed to get his hands out of the handcuffs, and started to run. The Sergeant called on him to stop, but he continued his flight, when the officer drew his revolver and fired at him. The ball took effect in the hip, and he fell. REID in the meantime had taken advantage of the diversion made in his favor by CORNING, and while the Sergeant was securing the latter, started off. After bringing CORNING down the Sergeant went in pursuit of REID, and would have succeeded in overhauling and recapturing him *but for the interference of a police officer*, who absolutely had the audacity to *arrest the Sergeant* and take him to the lock-up! REID thus escaped, and is now at large. Sergeant GREVEN was released by Lieut. ARMSTRONG, of the Provost-Marshal's office, but the policeman, who literally interposed his authority to shield REID in his attempt to escape, has not, as far as I can learn, been discharged from his office.

Last night there were two or three frame buildings burnt, and when the firemen of Engines Nos. 13 and 14 were returning home, they took occasion, when they arrived opposite Lafayette-square, where a regiment of soldiers are stationed, to commence singing rebel songs. Of the consequences of this conduct, the *Era* says:

"Lieut ROY ROBINSON and his special officers interposed their authority, and ordered them to cease singing the obnoxious ditty, but they paid no attention to the admonition, and with the assistance of the Provost Guard, ten of the leaders in the operatic exercises were arrested and locked up. Before the rest was made, however, one of the firemen, named CORNLAND, the porter of the City Hotel, said some words. The firemen drew a knife, and was making toward him, when CORNLAND drew his revolver and fired at him. The fireman ran away, and escaped uninjured, but the report of the shot caused a great deal of excitement, which was increased by the beating of the long roll in the Square. The horse of No. 14 ran away frightened, but was stopped on Baronne-street. A great crowd of persons assembled around the place, but when the cause of the difficulty was explained, all retired, and order reigned once more in the vicinity of the City Hall. There were a thousand rumors afloat in a few minutes, however; some had a man that been killed by the Provost Guard; that a special officer had killed a man, and still a third party insisted that a sentinel at the square had fired into the crowd of firemen and killed one of them. But there is no use trying to stop the thousand wagging tongues of Dame Rumor. To sum up, there was a fire—ten firemen were arrested for singing treasonable songs—and one was shot at for attempting to cut the porter of the City Hall."

It is easy and painful to mark the gradual declension of good order in bringing CORNING, where it is to stop, unless the Provost-Judge interposes his authority, I cannot see. It requires but a few weeks more without a radical change is made, to reduce our City to some of the worst features that characterized it under the miserable rule that was displaced, at least for a time, by the arrival here of the Federal authorities.

The Pirate Alabama.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Your correspondent "E. B." is in sad distress about the *Alabama*. He wants her destroyed, which we all do, and suggests letters-of-marque. Has he thought of the difficulty of finding her? If not, let me show it.

Take her last heard from cruising ground, viz.: the route of vessels bound to and from the South Atlantic. It has an extent of 4 degrees of longitude, and from New-York to the equator, 40 of latitude. This, divided into squares of 40 miles each side, makes 400 square. To keep a vessel at each angle of the square would require 1,100 vessels. Squares of 40 miles are named, as 20 miles is the extreme distance a vessel can be seen from another at sea.

In a former communication I showed how many vessels would be required to watch the route between the British Channel and our ports—over 500. The finding of the *Alabama* at sea must, therefore, be accidental, as we have no such number of vessels of war. How then is the destruction of the *Alabama* to be effected, you ask? Answer—*destroy her in the first British port you find her*. There are British precedents for such action. The Gen. ARMSTRONG, in the harbor of Fayal, and the *Essex* frigate, in the Bay of Valparaiso—both by English subjects—was in violation of 1812. G. W. P.

THE WASHINGTON STAR.—MR. S. A. WASHBURN, of Middlepoint, Ill., writes as follows to the President of the Chicago Historical Society:

"Some year or two ago, (if my memory serves me,) I recollect of noticing that EDWARD EVERETT, in a number of his 'Mount Vernon Papers'—mentioned the (supposed) fact, that the private seal and coat-of-arms of Gen. WASHINGTON was either lost to history, or with some member of the family.

The seal and coat-of-arms of the Washington family, worn by Gen. WASHINGTON, with which he sealed both his private and official correspondence, is not lost, but is in my possession, and has been so, as an heir-loom, and been pronounced by me for thirty two years—several impressions of which I send you, which you are at liberty to place in your Society's cabinet. They were made by me from the original seal, a few days since, together with others, to which I design to send to Hons. EDWARD EVERETT and GEORGE BANCROFT.

The seal was left in the late Judge BUSHROD WASHINGTON, of Mount Washington, who left the same to my father, the late BUSHROD WASHINGTON, Jr., the then nearest relative of the name, who, on his death, in 1851, left the same to me, the oldest son, with whom it has ever since remained, and been made to me a fatal gift to my oldest son, BUSHROD D. WASHINGTON, now in the army, should he survive me."

The New-York Times.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We have rebel reports from Charleston as late as 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the 9th inst. Up to that time, the bombardment of Fort Sumter, commenced on the 7th, had not been renewed. Official dispatches from BEAUREGARD, dated the 8th, make a positive statement that the *Keokuk* sank on the morning of that day, in consequence of the injuries she received on the day previous, and the Press dispatches in the Richmond papers state that pieces of her furniture had washed ashore on the Morris Island beach. It is said also that one of the machines known as "devils," designed for the removal of torpedoes, had washed ashore—probably the one attached to the *Keokuk*. The fighting appears to have been at a much closer range than at first reported. It was chiefly at a distance of nine hundred yards. It is said the Monitors cannot pass Fort Sumter without going within five hundred yards. Our vessels, at last accounts, were still in sight, and it was anticipated that the attack would be renewed on the 10th.

Rebel reports from Little Washington, N. C., where Gen. FOSTER is besieged by the rebels under HILL, are only to Sunday last. It is stated that two gunboats, followed by several large transports loaded with troops, attempted to run up the *Pamlico* to reinforce Gen. FOSTER, but were forced to turn back, badly damaged by the rebel batteries—one transport, the *Louisiana*, being sunk. Gen. FOSTER had refused to surrender, and it was expected the place would be shelled.

A letter received in Boston, from Beaufort, N. C., of April 6, and posted at the Merchants' Exchange, says that the train from Newbern had just arrived, and reports that news had reached there that Gen. FOSTER had been reinforced, and had driven the rebels back from Little Washington. A transport which left Newbern on the 8th, and arrived at Philadelphia on Friday, brought no such cheerful intelligence.

The news from Vicksburgh this morning is brief. The weather was fine, and the health of the army was improving. Gen. GRANT had removed his headquarters to Milliken's Bend. He is said to have visited Vicksburgh on the 4th inst. with a flag of truce—the motive of his visit being a secret. Rebel advices from Fort Pemberton, as late as the 5th inst., state that our forces were retiring from the vicinity.

The Navy Department has received information of the capture of five more blockade runners—the British steamer *Surprise*, by the *Huntsville*, from St. Marks, Fla., bound to Havana; the rebel schooner *Five Brothers*, and the English schooner *John Williams*, by the *Octorara*, and the English schooners *Florence Nightingale* and *Brothers*, by the *Tioga*.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, yesterday, the bill authorizing the consolidation of City railroads was reported favorably; also, the Gravesend Railroad bill; also, the Newtown Double-track Railroad bill; also, the New-York Supervisors' Salary bill, which was tabled; also, the South-Bergen Railroad bill; also, the bill amending the Code of Procedure, which was ordered to a third reading; also, the Brooklyn Tunnel Assessment bill, which was ordered to a third reading. The House amendments to the bill appropriating the surplus Canal revenues were non-concurred in.

In the Assembly, the Gold bill, as amended by the Senate, was referred to the Bank Committee, with power to report at any time. Bills were passed establishing and regulating the ferries between New-York and Staten Island, and to promote the reenlistment of volunteers. A large number of bills were reported favorably—among them the one for the defence of New-York harbor, and the one relative to the payment of arrears of taxes and assessments in New-York. The bill establishing a Police Department for the City and County of New-York was reported for the consideration of the House. The Excise bill was also reported for consideration. Concurrent resolutions were adopted to adjourn on the 18th inst.

FROM EUROPE.

By the arrival at this port of the steamship *Glasgow* and *Africa*, we have advices from Europe to the 30th ult., four days later than by the *America*. The news is important. A debate took place in the British House of Commons on the 27th regarding the fitting out of the *Alabama*, during which Lord PALMERSTON declared that the British Government had done, and would do all in its power to enforce the law; but it could only act on sworn depositions, and not on rumors and suspicions; and he believed that, if they had seized the *Alabama*, no cause would have been substantiated against her, as she had no armament, whatever might have been the suspicion of her destination. Mr. LAIRD, the builder of the *Alabama*, maintained that the whole transaction with respect to that vessel was most open and legitimate. Other members, however, took a different view of the matter. Considerable excitement had been occasioned in England by the publication of the circumstances regarding the seizure of the *Peterhoff*, by Admiral WILKES, and Consols fluctuated considerably in consequence, but at last accounts the excitement had subsided, and no fears were entertained that anything unpleasant would occur. No further interferences had occurred at Stackelberg, but matters still looked threatening. With regard to the Polish question, the Department of North Carolina, under Maj.-Gen. D. H. HILL, headquarters Goldsboro.

Gen. BERRY is a Marylander, a former United States Army officer, who, as Brigadier, brought the van of General JO. JOHNSTON's forces to BEAUREGARD's help in the first battle of Bull Run. But he has not since been particularly prominent in the Confederate service. Gen. D. H. HILL has, on many occasions, justified himself to his fellow rebels as an officer of some skill and daring.

It does not appear, from the wording of Adjt.-Gen. COOPER's order, that Gen. LONGSTREET and Gen. LEE are displaced from their posts of general supervision of the territory now carved up into districts, though we think it is fairly inferrable that their direct personal attention to the departments thus created is not to be expected, but that a large responsibility is to be thrown upon the newly appointed Commanders of Departments.

The question arises, then, What is to be the immediate duty of Gens. LEE and LONGSTREET? We think there is not much room for mistake in regard to them. It is most probable that they are to take command in person of the rebel army of the Rappahannock, and devote all their ability to foiling Gen. HOOKER and the Army of the Potomac, and watching their opportunity to menace Washington and Maryland again, if possible. The drying weather of April warns them to prepare for HOOKER's coast.

Necessity of a Reorganization of Our Armies—Points to be Reached.

In view of the probable and speedy enforcement of the Conscription act, and the consequent necessity for the reorganization of our armies, we offer for the earnest consideration of the country some views written during this war by an officer of talent, rank and experience in the regular army. He has served on the Staffs of Gens. SHERMAN and HUNTER at Port Royal, McCLELLAN at Antietam, and recently, GRANT in Mississippi. His plans have been submitted to Gen. GRANT, Gen. McCLERNAND, Gen. McPHERSON and Gen. LOGAN, as well as many others of the Western army, and received the warm approval of *all* these officers. Indeed, no man can have been long in the service, and not acknowledge the absolute necessity of a reorganization of our armies. This it is which the rebels possess and we lack; this it is which too often turns the scales when they are equally balanced; this it is which is likely eventually to decide the great contest in which we are engaged.

Some of the views expressed below have already been adopted, but we allow them to remain, as the fact of their acceptance by the Government *will* assist in giving weight to the judgment of the writer:

ARMY ORGANIZATION.

"Organization is a subject of which our army knows little, and the people and Congress nothing; but upon which, more than anything else, depends the efficiency of all armed forces. A just distribution of labor is a military as well as a civil necessity. This is secured only by a proper organization. First, then, our grades of general officers are by no means complete. We should have Lieutenant-Generals and Generals in addition to the present. The Adjutant-General's Department should be reorganized and have its duties defined. The best model is that of the French *Etat Major*. Its officers should be selected with more care, given more rank, and be held more strictly accountable for the prompt performance of their duty. Again evidence of the inefficiency of our present system, see the absolute want of knowledge concerning the strength of the National armed forces to-day. [Aug. 10, 1862.] Mr. Senator WILSON probably obtained from Gen. THOMAS his data for the statement that we had too many men in the field by 100,000! There is probably not an army in the field whose strength is properly accounted for. There is probably not a General who does not waste half his time in attending to details which should be regulated by a 'well-regulated Staff.'

The Inspector-General's Department is simply a nonentity—totally inefficient, and devoid of power to correct evils, where by chance it may find them. Every brigade, division and corps, ought to have its Inspector selected with a special reference to his soldierly qualities and general knowledge of organizations and the different arms; and in armies there should be special Inspectors of cavalry and artillery—all empowered, as officers of the Staffs, to correct all disarrangements, as a well-digested system of regulations should prescribe. There is no department of the military service by which a more salutary influence could be produced, than by the Inspector-Generals, thoroughly reorganized and set to work.

The Quartermaster's Department is sadly in need of internal regulation. MEIGS is a very able man.

The Commissary Department approaches nearer to efficiency than any I know.

The strength of the Engineer Department is simply frittered away by the double organization, and the dead-heads upon both. With more talent than any other corps in the service, it has less influence. Neither branch of it is used as it should be; not one-half the work of which they are capable is exacted, and finally, they are not strong enough by half in officers, nor a tenth part in engineer soldiers.

The Ordnance is a little better off, but is also paralyzed. It should have more vigor, more officers, more men, and more facilities for manufacturing munitions of war.

A *well-regulated Staff* is the soul of military organizations. With these improvements, the line would at once be elevated greatly, both in spirit and efficiency, but by a judicious system of examinations and reward for meritorious conduct in officers and privates, many worthless men would be turned out of service, and many useful ones inspired with new vigor and ardor.

During the English revolution in the time of the Charleses, for the first two years, Parliament scattered money with a lavish hand—everything was bought into the army—patriotism, valor, public spirit—all had their price. As a consequence, the Cavaliers under Prince RUPERT, and the dashing courtiers, conquered in every battle. They galloped from one end to the other of England, almost at will. It was not till CROMWELL and HAMPDEN arose, with their *organized* regiments, that the principles of the revolution began to make head against the fiery valor of the Cavaliers. The army was reorganized. The 'Ironsides' became renowned in the world's history for manly and invincible courage; they always conquered. The analogy between then and now, in principles and facts, is too striking for me to

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GENERAL NEWS.

An immense mass meeting was held in Union-square yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Loyal National League—it being the anniversary of the rebel attack upon Fort Sumter. Between twenty and thirty thousand people were present, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The populace were addressed from six different stands around the Square, and among the speakers were Maj.-Gen. FREMONT, Maj.-Gen. SIGEL, Postmaster-General BLAIR, Hon. DANIEL S. DICKINSON, Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX, Senator WILSON of Massachusetts, Judge KELLY and Benj. H. BREWSTER, of Philadelphia, Col. WOODFORD, Judge PIERREPONT, and others.

☞ The Court of Appeals have unanimously decided against the policemen, who, under Mayor WOOD, years ago, refused to recognize the authority of the Police Commissioners. The decision denies them the pay they sued for while acting thus insubordinately, and compels them to pay the costs of the suits.

Breadstuffs and Provisions were in limited demand on Saturday, at generally unchanged prices. Groceries were in moderate request, as also were Hay, Tallow and Whisky. Pork and Cotton attracted more attention at firmer rates. Most other articles were inactive at irregular quotations. The freight market was dull, with 439 vessels of all class in port.

The Military Aspect.

The harbor of Charleston is about the only part of the great field of operations in which important active work is going on at this moment. Everywhere else matters remain in *statu quo*, except perhaps at Vicksburgh and on the North Carolina coast, from both of which the advices are confused and unsatisfactory. We hear nothing further of the naval bombardment of Vicksburgh, which was reported to have been opened a week ago, and as the rebels report that FARRAGUT's ships have again appeared above Port Hudson, we may conclude that no serious bombardment was begun. All the canals, and all the naval and military expeditions designed by Gen. GRANT to turn Vicksburgh, have been given up. A rebel telegram from there, under date of Tuesday last, announces that GRANT's troops have struck their tents, abandoned the peninsula, cut the levee and turned the water into their camping ground; and that a number of transports, laden with his soldiers, have gone up the river. There have been rumors that Gen. GRANT was again about to change his base to Memphis, with the purpose of renewing his once baffled march into Central Mississippi. The season and the weather are more favorable for such an enterprise than when he attempted it before, and may afford him better success. Beside, the movement would be of unquestionably great damage to the rebel cause in disarranging and destroying the agricultural operations in the heart of Mississippi, where their papers boast the largest and finest crops of wheat are growing, to relieve the now pressing hunger of the South.

Matters on the North Carolina Coast have assumed an unexpected aspect. The rebels, finding an unprotected Union garrison at the town of Little Washington, on the Tar River, have suddenly thrown down a force of ten or fifteen thousand men, under Gens. HILL and PETTIGREW, with the design of overwhelming our troops. Repulsed on the first assault, they seem now to be laying regular siege to the place, and brisk movements on both sides are reported this morning. Gen. FOSTER is evidently very active in bringing up troops from Newbern, and other points; and our confidence in the ability of this officer—which is based upon his excellent and successful conduct during his whole campaign on the North Carolina Coast—leads us to believe that he will make a gallant, skillful and unflinching contest, and will come out of it with the same good fortune that has always awaited him.

From Gen. BANKS' Department there is no news of significance, though minor successes and reverses continue occurring here and there in Lower Louisiana. The main misfortune, however, is that Gen. BANKS has not been able to join effectively with the forces above in any advance upon the vital points of the rebellion on the east bank of the Mississippi River. Gen. BANKS sailed from this harbor with a fine force of men. The public disappointment was very great that he did not turn up the James River, and coöperate with BURNSIDE's movements in Virginia; and there can be no less disappointment now, situated as his army is in Louisiana, that it is not before Charleston, taking part in the assault on that stronghold. There is no doubt that in land forces the rebels there outnumber us two to one, and it might be that the brunt of the battle shall be thrown upon our army after all.

With these exceptions, there are no special signs of immediate action anywhere—though all signs often fail in war-time. An extract from the Richmond *Examiner*, telegraphed us this morning, says that "the campaign and the war will culminate in the month of June." It is hard to tell what is the real reason for this rebel belief, unless it be the conviction that it is impossible for the Confederacy to hold out beyond that time. The *Examiner* goes on to assign the weather as the ostensible ground of its opinion. "If we (the rebels) come out victorious then, the war will be substantially over, as the Federal troops cannot operate in the South after that time." This is nonsense, as will be seen by recounting the heavy work, and heavy fighting that were done by our armies, both in the East and West, "after June" in last year. But, notwithstanding the weakness of the rebels' reason, we should not wonder if his judgment proved correct, and the Confederacy melted away in midsummer.

OLD NAMES FOR NEW PLACES.—The Richmond (Va.) *Whig*, of April 9, revives ancient memories in politics by bringing forward two Old Whig names for public office in Virginia. A public meeting in Albemarle County pre-

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[illegible] the Hon. W. G. BROWN as a candidate for the Confederate Congress, which action, the *Whig* warmly commends and hopes to see followed with unanimity by all other counties in the District. And, in another column, Hon. W. L. GOGGIN publishes a long, poor-spirited address "consenting" to be a candidate for Governor of Virginia. GOGGIN was once a manly politician of the Old Whig and Union school, and had the honor as such to run for the office of Governor of Virginia, but without success. His present letter is a cringing, fawning apology for his past political record, but it will not avail him. Neither he nor BROWN will be trusted by the rebels who are the most-dyed Democrats of the past.

The Bull's Bluff Disaster—Gen. McClellan and Gen. Stone.

No event in the history of the war has so shocked the public mind as the needless exposure of 1,700 of our soldiers to the murderous onslaught of 4,000 of the enemy at Ball's Bluff, in October of the first year. Nor has any event remained in so much obscurity. All that the people have known of it is that "somebody blundered." But who it was, and why he has never been brought to account, has been a standing puzzle from that day to the present. The dealings with Gen. STONE only complicated the enigma. If he was the man in fault, why should he have been retained in the same command for three months afterward without rebuke, or any diminution of trust? When, afterward, he was so suddenly arrested, why was he suffered to lie in Fort Lafayette nearly a year without trial, or the slightest opportunity of meeting the charges against him? Why was he finally so suddenly released? And why, ever since, has he in vain sought a Court-martial or a Court of Inquiry? These questions have exercised the public mind not a little, but to no purpose. The whole chapter, from beginning to end, has been as impenetrable as the veil of Isis. There was *something* behind, but that was all that could be made out.

The Report of the Committee on the Conduct of the War, as published by us on Friday, has done much toward dispelling the mystery. On some interesting points it is not conclusive, because of conflict of testimony; but it pretty effectually clears up the matters of chief concern. The Committee observe the same impartial course in their report of this affair as in their other reports—confining themselves strictly to a digest of the evidence, avoiding both deductions and comments. But the evidence on the principal points is so specific that it must make the same impression on all fair minds.

It is made apparent that *the prime cause of the disastrous movement was a misconception on the part of Gen. Stone, produced by the default of Gen. McClellan.* The day before the battle (Sunday) Gen. STONE was informed by telegraph from Gen. McCLELLAN in Washington, that a large force under Gen. McCALL was at Drainsville, and was at that time "sending out heavy reconnoissances in all directions from that point." Gen. STONE was directed in this telegram "to keep a good lookout upon Leesburgh, to see if this movement has the effect to drive them (the rebels) away;" and it was added, "perhaps a slight demonstration on your part would have the effect to move them." Gen. STONE on the same day started a second reconnoitering party toward Leesburgh, and immediately telegraphed the fact to Gen. McCLELLAN. To that telegram no reply was made; and Gen. STONE was left in entire ignorance of the fact that Gen. McCALL's force was ordered by Gen. McCLELLAN *back* from Drainsville on Monday morning. That fact did not become known to him until Monday night, *after* the battle. The consequence was that Gen. STONE supposed, on the morning of the battle—and had reason to suppose—that Leesburgh was to be threatened on the other side by Gen. McCALL's regiments. It was this error, for which he was not responsible, that made the movement across the river, with such insufficient means for retreat, an act of ruinous rashness, instead of being, what it would have been otherwise, a perfectly safe and highly serviceable operation, in full pursuance of the original orders.

It is also made quite apparent that the *movement was approved by McClellan* both at the time and afterward. According to the evidence, Gen. STONE apprised him on the day of the battle that the crossing had been made—received from him a congratulatory dispatch in return, and was directed by him after the battle to hold Edwards' Ferry and "all the ground you now have on the Virginia shore," by intrenching, if necessary, with a promise of reinforcements. This testimony, in conjunction with the fact that Gen. STONE was retained in his full command for three months afterward, would seem to forbid all doubt that he was considered at headquarters to have been not at all in fault.

Again, it is shown that *the primary responsibility of Gen. Stone's arrest and long confinement without trial belongs to Gen. McClellan.* He himself admits, in his own testimony, that Gen. STONE was arrested and consigned to Fort Lafayette at his instance. Previous to his arrest Gen. STONE was summoned before the War Committee to testify in regard to the Ball's Bluff affair, but his testimony was very indefinite and unsatisfactory. It now appears, from evidence given by him before the Committee six weeks ago, that his reserve at the first examination was owing to instructions which he had received at Gen. McCLELLAN's headquarters on the same morning, that "officers giving testimony before the Committee should not state, *without his authority*, anything regarding his plans, his orders for the movements of troops, or his orders concerning the position of troops;" and that this was understood to apply to past orders and transactions as well as future. No authority to make such disclosures was ever accorded by Gen. McCLELLAN. In consequence, Gen. STONE could not vindicate himself before the Committee. He was sent directly afterwards to Fort Lafayette, on urgent appeal for a military trial, and, from of his friends to the same end, were unheeded throughout his incarceration of eleven months; and, to the very last day of Gen. McCLELLAN's command, he could get no hearing whatever. We consider the War Department to have been grossly to blame for consenting to this thing. It did so, as was announced at the time, on the ground that the trial could not be had without detriment to the campaigns then in progress, and Gen. McCLELLAN may have so represented; but this ought not to have been regarded. The complete investigation should have been promptly made, whatever Gen. McCLELLAN might have thought of it, or however he might have suffered from it. As it is, Gen. STONE has sustained a most flagrant wrong—a wrong which will probably stand as the very worst blot on the National side in the history of the war.

We await with great interest the publication of the entire evidence taken by the Committee relative to the Ball's Bluff calamity, and the subsequent treatment of Gen. STONE. If it shall in any respect present Gen. McCLELLAN in a less unfavorable light, we shall note the fact with pleasure.

The Prusso-Russian Convention and its Results.

At length we have conclusive proof that "the sea-serpent" is something more than a myth. A telegram from Posen, brought here by the European steamer of yesterday, announces "that a strong Russian column had entered that Duchy, marching by way of Pleschen, Neustadt and Vreschen, and had afterward returned to Poland." One fact is said to be worth a whole cart-load of arguments, and the foregoing fact sets at rest the controversy about the Prusso-Russian Convention. The existence and nature of that instrument are now revealed; and not only so, but we have authentic evidence that it is in actual operation, notwithstanding the denunciations of the French and English Press, the Prussian Deputies and the British Commons, and despite the remonstrances of the Governments of the Western Powers. The Prussian King, like the boy in the fable, is not to be driven from his purpose by clods. The friendly remonstrances of France and England have not produced the anticipated effect, and M. DROUYN DE LHUYS and Earl RUSSELL have discovered that if they would make an impression on the mind of the royal Brandenburgher, it must be by expostulations of a different kind.

This convention we consider as impolitic for Prussia as possible. WILLIAM, above all men, should have continued a rigid observer of the principle of non-intervention in the present instance. The exposed situation of Prussia, her weakness in defensive war, and the recollection that he possessed a large portion of the dismembered kingdom, and ruled over numerous Polish subjects, should have deterred him from meddling in the matter, and kept him true to his neutral obligations. It would be a great mistake, however, to assume that the Prussian monarch disregarded his interests, departed from his neutrality, and subscribed to the Convention merely out of servile devotion to the Czar. WILLIAM, we may be assured, took this course not so much to accommodate his Muscovite cousin as to gratify certain antipathies, allay certain fears, and promote certain schemes of his own, as a descendant of one of the spoliators of Poland, and a joint inheritor of the plunder.

The consciousness that the resurrection of Poland would be the annihilation of Prussia, the apprehension that if ALEXANDER's portion of the extinct realm should attain independence, the annexation thereto of the remaining provinces would ultimately follow, would alone have sufficed to impel the Landesvater to action; while the hope of breaking the ranks of the phalanx arrayed against him in the Lower Chamber, by attempting to rekindle the old enmities which once inspired the rival races within his dominions, must have been an irresistible inducement to WILLIAM's interference. But whatever were the considerations which most determined him to become a party to this Convention, the consequences of his assent to it have been quite different from those he anticipated. Not only has it failed to stir up the old strife between Teuton and Sarmatian, and to set their representatives in the popular Chamber at variance, but it has given rise to a debate in that assembly which has rendered the breach between VON BISMARK and the Deputies wider and more irreparable than ever.

Nothing could exceed the insolence of the language and deportment of the Minister-President on that occasion. He styled the leaders of the Opposition traitors, revolutionists, anarchists, because they presumed to denounce the Convention, and to maintain that the honor and interests of Prussia alike required her to have neither part nor lot in the Russo-Polish struggle; and when called to order for the use of these offensive terms, he declared that he was not amenable to the rules of the Chamber, or the authority of its President; that he was there not by their favor, but by his Sovereign's command. Yet this model Minister, so violent in assailing others, and so prompt in repudiating the authority of the Chamber's President, was not ashamed to seek the protection of that officer when he was himself assailed.

The outrageous conduct of Herr VON BISMARK during the debate on the Polish question, has brought things to a crisis. The Minister-President and the Deputies can no longer carry on business together. Either the King must find a less obnoxious Premier, or the Legislature must be dissolved, and the country governed as a despotism. WILLIAM, it is said, would have no objection to get rid of VON BISMARK, could he only get some fit tool to take his place. But here is the difficulty. His Majesty, though willing enough to change his Minister, has no notion of changing his policy. Notwithstanding the experience he has had of the impossibility of coping successfully with the united Chamber, he still doggedly determined to hold out against the Lower Chamber. He will not succumb to the majority, he will not condescend to select a Minister from the Liberal party, and no prudent man among the reactionists—neither MANTEUFFEL, nor DOHNA, nor BISMARK—will consent to relieve VON BISMARK of the cares of State, unless some terms are come to with the Deputies. Whatever be the consequence then, the present Premier must remain in office, and so we may regard the dissolution of the Parliament as a mere question of time. This *coup d'état*, however, may not be immediately resorted to. An effort will first be made to obtain the assent of the popular chamber to the budget for the current year; and not till after VON BISMARK shall have tried the experiment and failed, will the death sentence be pronounced. If the King has made up his mind to imitate the example of CHARLES the First, to dispense with the use of parliaments, and to rule as a despot, the policy of this proceeding can, of course, be understood. But if WILLIAM should dissolve his Legislature, with no other view than to get rid of a troublesome opposition, and to appeal once more to the people, it is inconceivable how he could have arrived at the conclusion that a proceeding which has hitherto, as often as repeated, invariably added to the strength of the Liberal party, should, in the present excited state of public feeling, turn out to the advantage of the Court. Judging from the vote on the Polish question, the reactionists constitute a very small minority in the existing Chamber, and a fresh appeal to the nation now can have no other result than that of rendering the Ministerial minority in the next Chamber still more feeble and contemptible. As it is evident then that WILLIAM cannot improve his position by a dissolution, but merely render his adversaries more formidable, the best thing he can do is to part with his despotic crotchets, provide himself with a popular Premier, and make peace with the nation's representatives while yet there is time.

Recall of the Prussian Minister in Mexico.

Among the many signs of a change in public sentiment in Europe regarding Mexico, the recent prompt acquiescence of the Prussian Government to the request of the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs for the recall of the Prussian Minister in Mexico, BARON E. DE WAGNER, is not the least significant. BARON WAGNER, by his active partizanship with the Church party, his hatred to the liberal cause, and his subserviency to the French, had made himself most obnoxious to the Mexican Government and people; and his constant disregard of all the courtesies recognized in diplomatic intercourse had made it almost impossible for any minister of foreign affairs, possessing any just sensitiveness as to his own or his country's dignity, to transact official business with him.

But the principal ground upon which his recall was requested of the Prussian Government was with reference to the stand he had taken in regard to the collection of taxes from resident foreigners for the purpose of sustaining the Government when carrying on either civil or foreign war. Baron WAGNER took the ground that foreigners in Mexico should be exempt from all taxation for such purposes; that, in other words, although residing in the country, and enjoying its hospitality and protection, and its opportunities for the acquisition of wealth, they should not be called upon to contribute toward the support of the Government of that country.

This fundamental principle of the right of government has always been attacked by the representatives of European Powers in Mexico, whenever the question was one of sustaining a Government founded upon the Republican theory, as, had they the courage, they would attack the same principle here in our own struggle, in defence of institutions which also are opposed to the monarchical theories of Europe.

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Three Rebel Departments—Preparations to meet Hooker.

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IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST

Gen. Grant Visits Vicksburg Under a Flag of Truce.

Our Forces Falling Back from Fort Pemberton.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, April 11.

The *Gazette* of this city has a special dispatch, containing the following:

There is nothing new from Vicksburg.

The health of our army is improving rapidly.

The weather is very fine.

Gen. GRANT has moved his headquarters to Milliken's Bend.

Adjt.-Gen. THOMAS arrived at Helena on the 6th inst., en route to Gen. GRANT's headquarters.

A flag of truce went to Vicksburgh on the 4th inst., accompanied by Gen. GRANT in person. His mission is a secret one.

Rebel advices from Fort Pemberton to the 4th inst., say:

"The Federal troops commenced embarking on the night of the 4th inst., and are rapidly retreating. *We shelled their camps and transportation and disabled one of their boats.*"

THE WAR IN TENNESSEE.

Arrival of Prisoners at Nashville—Attack on a Train by the Rebels, &c.

NASHVILLE, Saturday, April 11.

Between fifty and sixty prisoners, captured at Franklin, Tennessee, arrived in this city to-night, most of them belonging to the First Tennessee Infantry, and belonging here.

The rebels at Lavergne, yesterday, captured two car loads of Confederate prisoners, *en route* for Nashville. They also plundered the passengers of their watches, money and clothing. They paroled our officers and soldiers, but many of the former refused to accept of the parole, and were sent South.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

The Hudson Open—The Canals to be Opened on the First of May—Passage of the Broadway Railroad Bill in the Senate—The Bill Before the House—Anti-Gold Speculation—The Staten Island Ferries, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Friday, April 10, 1862.

The Hudson River, from the State dam to its mouth, is clear of ice, and boats arrive and depart in their appointed order. Owners are preparing to meet the wants of the opening season, and the docks and basins are scenes of activity.

The day for opening the canals has been fixed for the first of May—rather late than early, yet as early as would be prudent, considering the character of the season. The Commissioners and the Canal Board are fully alive to the importance of making adequate preparations for meeting the demands of internal commerce. The Erie Canal was never the object of so much solicitude, or of so many hopes, or rose to so high importance as now; for never before did it play so important a part in the grand interchange of nations, or in our domestic trade. Last season its capacity was taxed to the very utmost. Considering the number of acres planted, we can scarcely expect to see the demand on the capacity of the canal increased, and may hope, therefore, by good management, to make "Clinton's Ditch" answer every purpose the present season. But it will not be so long. The great West, taking years together, will never grow less, and the demand for what she grows will never be materially diminished. On the contrary, as the past has seen both many times double and century imagination even, as the future will be but a continuation of the history of our growth and trade. With this the Erie Canal is so intimately identified that we cannot think of the one without contemplating the other. If the limit of its capacity has been reached, what are we as a State to do? Shall we fold our arms, and allow commerce, and the riches that follow in its track, go round us? Or shall we rise to its appreciation of our position and duty? That duty is, plainly, to afford the facilities for transporting the products of the West to their market, which is all the world.

It takes time to educate the public mind to the appreciation of grand ideas. Therefore, it is not a wonder that it should be slow in coming to a full understanding of the necessity of, and to giving its approbation to, a new set of locks, of the dimensions of 200 by 25 feet. But the public mind is unmistakably rising to this grand practical point, and the West can take courage, for New-York will do her duty. Perhaps not to-morrow, however, as the hours advanced equal wish, but surely, and it is hoped, in good time.

In connection with this subject, I will take the liberty of calling your readers to the action of the Legislature, [illegible]

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MORE PRIZES.

Important Capture of Blockade Runners.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 11.

The Navy Department has been informed of the capture, by the steamer *Huntsville*, of the British steamer *Bermuda*, of Nassau, with a Confederate clearance from St. Marks, Florida, and bound to Havana, with a cargo of 307 bales of cotton, mostly Sea Island.

The *Octorara* captured the Confederate schooner *Five Brothers*, with 24 bales of cotton, and the English schooner *John Williams*, with an assorted cargo, including 100 bars of saltpetre, 12 tons of iron, &c. She was a notorious blockade runner.

The *Tioga* captured the English schooner *Florence Nightingale*, with a cargo of 108 bales of cotton. Three out of the six persons found on board are natives of the United States, including D. A. MADDOX, of Baltimore, the master. The *Tioga* also captured the English schooner *Brothers*, with a cargo principally of liquors, medicines, and other contraband articles.

Rebel Speculations on the War.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 11.

The Richmond *Examiner* says:

"In the course of the month of June, the campaign and the war will culminate. If we come out of that month defeated, the North will be forced on terrible measures to preserve itself. If we come out victorious, then the war will be substantially over, as the Federal troops cannot operate in the South after that time."

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Passengers Sailed.

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In steamship *Continental*, for New-Orleans—S. D. Hubbard, W. A. Scott, H. J. Williams, Dr. Benjamin R. Wilson, George Kidd, Nathan Stevens, John W. Wyman, Otis Greene, R. Hickox, and others in steerage.

Passengers Arrived.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises	5 25	Sun sets	6 35
Moon rises	2 06	High Water	
Sandy Hook	2 57	Gov. Island	3 56
Hell Gate	5 00		

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....SATURDAY, April 12.

Cleared.

Steamship Northern Light, Tinklepaugh, Aspinwall, D. S. Allen.

Barks Julia Cobb, Stanton, Portland, E. F. Buck & Co.; Jane Nicholas, Nicholas, Wilmington, No., E. F. Buck & Co.

Brigs Surf, Sweetland, Elizabethport, Nesmith & Sons; C. Matthews, Matthews, Portland, Welsh, Carver & Chase.

Schooners Juliette, Small, Rockport, John Boynton & Son; Dragon, (Dan.,) Johnson, St. Croix, Lyon, Mason & Co.; Maria, (Br.,) Crowell, Antigua, D. R. De Wolf; Venus, (Br.,) Crane, St. John, N. B., D. R. De Wolf; Montezuma, Cozell, Beverly, Mass.; Queen of the South, Corson, New-Orleans, N. L. McCready & Co.; D. R. Berry, Lester, Washington, Van Brunt & Slaght.

Arrived.

U. S. steam transport Virginia, Snyder, Washington, D. C., 36 hours, in ballast to U. S. Assistant Quartermaster.

Steamship Glasgow, Rodgers, Liverpool March 29, at 1 P. M., and Queenstown 30th, at 5 P. M., with mdse. and 163 passengers to John G. Dale. Has experienced westerly winds. April 8, lat. 40 06, lon. 69 19, signalized ship Empire, Oconke, from Liverpool for New-York.

Steamship Africa, (Br.,) Lott, Liverpool March 26, via Queenstown 28th, at 4½ P. M., with mdse. and passengers to E. Cunard.

Ship West Wind, (of Boston,) Elliott, Calcutta Dec 26, and Isaac Heads 28th, with indigo, to master. Feb 3 and 4, in lat. 35 N., lon. 16 W., had a hurricane, which lasted nine days, stove bulwarks, water-casks and boats, washed away head-rails and knees, and spring rudder. Had very light S. E. trades in the Atlantic. Feb. 22, passed Cape of Good Hope; had fine weather. March 20, crossed the equator in lon. 28. April 5, lat. 37 20 N., lon. 70 W., a hurricane from N. E.; blew away the fore and mainsail, gallantmasts and a whole suit of sails—furled to the yards, with double gaskets; stove bulwarks, water-casks, and received other damage, the barometer marking 29. The ship lying with her rail under.

Ship Andrew Jackson, (Jackson,) Ferrel, Spain, March 11, to J. H. Brower. April 2, lat. 43, lon. 49 20, saw steamship City of Manchester, hence for Liverpool. April 10, 80 miles E. S. E. of Barnegat, passed the wreck of a large schooner or brig, dismasted, water-logged and shattered.

Ship Samuel Russell, Winchell, Foo-chow Jan. 12, with teas to A. A. Low & Bros. Passed Anjier Jan. 24, Cape of Good Hope Feb. 21, and crossed the equator in the Atlantic March 21. Had a very pleasant passage. April 10, at 3 P. M., the lighthship in sight, took pilot from boat No. 11.

Ship Mere-Gazelle, (of Richmond, Me.,) Ross, New-Orleans 17 ds., with iron to U. S. Quartermaster. Had very heavy weather, lost bulwarks and spanker boom.

Bark Mary C. Dyer, Wallace, Montevideo Feb. 20, passed Gibraltar 26th, with fruit, &c., to Peck & Church. Had very heavy weather the last 12 ds. April 6, lat. 38, lon. 71, speaks bark Goodspeed, from Philadelphia for Londonderry; had lost both anchors and chains; took from her Mr. Wm. Edwards, a Philadelphia pilot, who left his lits to this port. 7th inst., lat. 39 30, lon. 72 30, passed the wreck of schr. Julia Maria, with both masts gone; had apparently been in that condition but a short time.

Ship Le Gloire, (Br., of Windsor, N. S.,) Shaw, Liverpool Feb. 28, with mdse. to order. Mar. 15, Peter White, a seaman, of Liverpool, fell from the forecastle on deck, and was killed.

Bark Gazelle, Burnham, St. Croix March 29, with sugar, &c., to Hooke Bros. & Collins. Experienced very heavy gales from N. W. & N. N. W., which have kept us off and on of New-York since the 6th inst. April 10, lat. 37, lon. 73 50, fell in with the wreck of an apparently Am. built schr., about 200 tons burden, water-logged, the sea making a complete breach over her; had mast torn out and peop carried away, bulwarks and boats gone, and both main and fore sails torn to the deck and lying across bulwarks; jibboom gone, in the cap; port anchor on the bow; the other spare, with cable attached, were hanging about her; she was painted black, with red streaks around her; had a long billet-head.

A ship's long-boat, full of water, apparently an English or Dutch build; also saw quantities of plank, spars, &c.

Bark Stefinrata, (Russ.,) Wickander, Lisbon 20 ds., with marble and rags to J. E. Devlin. Feb. 22, lat. 38 25, lon. 71 15, fell in with schr. Milton, of Belfast, Maine, for Turks Island, pilot boat, dismasted and in a sinking condition. Took off the captain and crew, seven in number, and brought them to this port.

Bark Pride of the Sea, Gilchrist, Zaza 18 ds., with sugar to Yznaga del Valle & Co. Had heavy weather, Jan. 14, on the outward passage. Edward Sloan, the second officer, of Union, Me., fell overboard and was lost.

Bark Johann Kepler, (Bremen,) Rehn, Liverpool 27 ds., with mdse. to master.

Bark Harry Booth, Shipman, Havana 19 ds., with sugar to James E. West & Co.

Bark Leander, (Bah.,) La Nose, Palermo 100 ds., and Gibraltar 20 ds., with fruit, &c., to Rockmagel & Co. Had very heavy weather on the passage.

Bark Harriet Stevens, Corbitt, Havana 14 ds., with sugar, &c., to Brett, Son & Co. Has been 9 ds. W. of Bermuda with very heavy weather.

Bark Hotspur, Busch, (Russ.,) East, Cardiff 26 ds., with coal to Wm. Salem.

Bark G. W. Horton, (of Rockland,) Steeper, Wilmington March 30, with sugar to Metcalf & Duncan.

Bark Mustang, Wheelhouse, Rodonro Isles 9 ds., in ballast to Hover Bros.

Brig Acacia, (Br., of Hawkesbury,) Priest, Sagua 12 ds., with sugar to Brett, Son & Co. Std. in co. with bark Lucy Elizabeth and brig Aunt D. Terry, for New-York.

Brig Rapid, (Swed.,) Ehrem, Antwerp 36 ds., with mdse. to Punch, Meincke & Wendt.

Brig Porto Plata, (Russ.,) Kruger, Port-au-Plata March 20, with tobacco to H. G. Schmidt & Co. April 8, lat. 38, lon. 72, passed Br. schr. Minerva, bound N., with loss of bowsprit.

Brig Aunt D. Terry, (of Boston,) Sagua 16 ds., with sugar, &c., to H. B. Beckman & Co.

Brig Mary Cobb, ——, Fortress Monroe 4 ds., in ballast to master.

Schr. John Tyler, (of Provincetown,) Chapman, Georgetown, Grand Cayman 22 ds., with logwood, &c., to master. April 8, lat. 38 25, lon. 74 15, fell in with schr. E. Smith, of Harwich, dismasted. Took off the captain (Snow) and crew, four in all, and brought them to this port. Capt. Snow reports: Sailed for New-York 3d inst., in ballast, for York River, and on the 5th, when 12 miles from Egg Island, carried a gale from N. N. E., lost both masts and bowsprit, and became a total wreck. Mr. Phillips, mate, was badly injured, and deemed it prudent to abandon her. The schr. John Tyler came alongside, but the vessel was water-logged, and sunk

AFFAIRS IN UTAH.

Gold Again—Agricultural—The Cotton Question—Deserters—Judicial—Depredations by the Indians.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, THURSDAY, March 19, 1863.

Salt Lake City is in existence up to the present writing. Earthquake, war, earthquake, war, volcano, war bombardment, war, assault, war, sacking have yet been its doom. In fact, the past week has been one of comparative tranquillity, contrasting the strongly whatever. Col. Connor having telegraphically denied any intention of presenting with a posse of military upon the "prophet," the community have been relieved of extraordinary fears of any sudden sweep. There was indeed a little palpitation among the "old women"—male and female—exactly a week ago, when the California volunteer cavalry came down from Fort Douglas, for the first time, clear to the edge of the bench or table land bordering the city, and exhibited a little field drill. But a sudden wheel and a rapid gallop back in the direction of the fort proved quite a relief to the nervous.

Further, the very fine weather has also assisted to divert attention a little from things military or judicial, to things agricultural and horticultural. And now every owner of a five-acre farm or a rod of garden is busy as a bee, furbishing up spades, rakes, hoes, plows and harrows, and making a simultaneous attack upon the arable earth.

The prevailing quotations of the price of raw cotton in the New-York market, may yet produce some serious movements and results, not anticipated by everybody. All the world knows that cotton has been raised in Southern Utah on a limited experimental scale for a few years past, and more extensively last year. But all the world does not yet know that one or two enterprising persons of this city are calculating to freight a few loads of Utah cotton to the States the coming Summer. Raw cotton is worth fifty cents here, in New-York eighty to ninety cents. "Greenbacks" and manufactured goods are plentiful in New-York. They are not "overly so" here. That tells the whole story. Utah cotton, in default of "greenbacks," will bring from the East tea, coffee, sugar, machinery and a host of things too numerous to mention, but among the inevitable wants of everyday life.

With the fine weather, Col. Connor has evidently deemed it expedient to look after those of his command who may be growing weary of the tedium of barrack life in this mountain country; so he has considered it prudent to publish, in a cautionary sort of a way, the section of law providing punishment for traitors and abettors of military deserters. This wild and rugged country, without railroads and almost without telegraphic communication, is peculiarly favorable to success in slinking off from contracts to serve one's country.

Hamilton County, indicted for manslaughter, was tried before Judge KINNEY and acquitted, on Tuesday. Twenty of the Morrisite offenders, not answering to their recognizances on Friday, the same were declared forfeited, though many of the persons are doubtless worth very little. JOSEPH HOLLADAY has been indicted for manslaughter, but the case is continued till next term, (12 months.) He is bound to appear then in $10,000 bonds. Ten Morrisites have been indicted for murder in the first degree, and the remainder for resistance to the laws.

Throughout the Territory, highway robbery, the eastern trail has been rather uncertain of late. THOMAS HARMONS and GREEN CLARK have recently been arrested on a charge of complicity in said robbery, the former having been taken at Brigham City and the latter at Camp Douglas. There is an awkward question of jurisdiction as to the boundary line of Utah and Nebraska in this case, which may not, by any means, expedite the administration of justice.

As supposed, the indignation meetings are progressing among the settlements, resolutions as complimentary as ever being passed concerning the congressional and other labors of the Governor, and the two disliked Judges.

A squad of eight predatory Indians made a descent on JEZZE'S herd-ground, in Skull Valley, westward, last Friday, and fired at the tent in which were only two men, JOHN GARR and WILLIAM EMPY. The two, not ready for a fight, nor exactly prepared for it, retired in as good order as possible, first going to the corral and choosing a horse each to expedite their flight.

The Indians killed a cow and calf, made a general sweep of the plunder they found, and set fire to the tent and what they did not wish to carry off. Meantime, or as soon as possible, about twenty men from HOOPER and KEOWZEON'S herd, a few miles distant, and from Grantsville, in Tooele Valley, started in pursuit.

At the theatre "William Tell," "Naval Engagements," the "Valet de Sham," and the "Lear of Cripplegate," have drawn not the fullest houses the past two performing nights.

The "Thespian Association" are playing a few minor dramas and farces in a humble sort of a way. This association is evidently taking the aspect of a preparatory or training school.

How Gen. Harbaut Deals with Guerrillas.

A dispatch to the Cincinnati *Gazette*, dated Memphis, April 3, says:

The following special order was issued yesterday by the Provost-Marshal of this District.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT PROVOST-MARSHAL, MEMPHIS, March 31, 1863.

HEADQUARTERS SERVICE ARMY COURT.

SPECIAL ORDER No. 82.—A third cowardly and murderous attack has been made by guerrillas on a passenger train, near Moscow, containing women, children and citizens, resulting in the capture of part of the passengers and robbing all. A notice was distinctly published on the 4th of January, 1863, by General Orders No. 10, of the District of Memphis, that such outrage would be retaliated by means therein described. It is therefore ordered that Col. D. C. Anthony, Provost-Marshal of the port of Memphis, forthwith select from the Secessionists or rebel sympathizers within this city, ten families, and cause them to be sent south of the lines of the United States forces, not to return.

By order of Maj.-Gen. HURLBUT.

(Signed) HENRY BINMORE, A. A. G.

In accordance with the above, the following named persons received notice to leave: D. B. Malloy, C. J. Selden, J. P. Train, Wardlow Howard, J. F. McKinney, David H. Townsend, E. Magivency, Michael Magivency, Thomas Nelson, T. S. Coggswell.

In furnishing a copy of the order to each, the following notice was appended:

In compliance with the above order you are notified that within three days you will remove, with your family, within the lines of the United States forces, not to return. You will report at the office of the District Provost-Marshal for a pass at the time of your departure.

Lieut. Zera. C. Bayar, First Assistant Provost-Marshal, will see that this order is executed.

(Signed) D. C. ANTHONY, Provost-Marshal.

A Timely Hint.

BLOCKADE RUNNING AND NORTH CAROLINA BONDS.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer, April 4.

Several weeks ago we called attention to the fact that the rebel blockade runners might be enabled to make their exchanges in our Northern cities by means of North Carolina bonds. But we did not at that time expect to have either so prompt or so perfect a demonstration of the correctness of our views as that presented by the arrest of CASWELL, in this city, on Wednesday last. This man appears to have been largely engaged in the contraband trade between the loyal States and Richmond. He made extensive purchases, and among the effects found in his possession were nine North Carolina bonds for ten thousand dollars, which he admitted he was going to New-York to negotiate, for the purpose of making payments for his goods. These bonds are now quoted in New-York at seventy-five to seventy-five and a half, and they consequently afford a most convenient and desirable medium of exchange for the rebel spies and contrabandists who infest our cities.

In truth, no better facilities could be furnished for their nefarious trade than they have in the easy conversion of North Carolina and other "Confederate" State bonds at our Northern Stock Exchanges. They cannot, of course, use the rebel scrip, which is the only money they get for their goods; and it would cost too much to turn their trash into gold at Richmond, even if enough gold were accessible there. But they can turn their rebel scrip into North Carolina bonds at a very trifling loss in Richmond; and these latter they can convert into cash, at a discount of but 25 per cent, in Baltimore, Philadelphia or New-York. In fact, those stock boards find not set out to be particularly accommodating to the blockade-runners, and thereby extend "aid and comfort" to the enemy, they could do the business more to more obliging way than by dealing in those "Confederate" State bonds.

Something should be done to check this abuse. The North Carolina and other similar bonds held in good faith in loyal names, should be registered by order of the United States, that all recent importations should be placed under ban.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Trip to the Steamship Morning Star.

The christening of the steamer *Morning Star*, which was launched a few days ago, took place on Thursday. A number of gentlemen were on board, and everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner. The vessel left the Pier, foot of Corlears-street, at 10 A. M., and proceeded down the Narrows, some distance below Fort Hamilton, and returned to her slip at the foot of North Moore-street at about 5 P. M. The *Morning Star* was built by order of the New-York Mail Steamship Company and is intended to run between New-York and New-Orleans via Havana. Her hull was built by Messrs. Roosevelt, Joyce & Co., of New-York, and is of the following dimensions: Length at the light load line, [illegible] feet; breadth over all, [illegible] feet; depth of hold, [illegible] feet; depth of main deck, [illegible] feet; tonnage, [illegible]; draught of water, [illegible] feet. The spars consisted of two masts, [illegible] feet in length, and [illegible] feet in diameter. The masts are stayed with [illegible] inch wire rigging, and have a full set of yards and gaffs, and are fitted with [illegible] sails. The spars are

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

A PRAYER-MEETING WILL BE HELD on the Sabbath, at 3 P.M., in the Chapel, Bedford-st., near Christopher, for the benefit of the Soldiers' Relief Society and other Christian Commission work. This will be a joint effort of Christian Commission and Relief Society. Let there be a full attendance of Christian Commissioners, and a full attendance of the Society, and in this way be prepared by the guidance and healing of the divine spirit. Admission 25 cents.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, BROOKLYN.—THE 8th anniversary meeting of the Soldier's Relief Society of this church will take place on SUNDAY EVENING next, (April 12,) at 7½ o'clock, in the church. Rev. Dr. Montgomery, of New-York, Rev. Richard S. Storrs, Rev. Dr. Burgess, and Rev. Mr. Mervin of the United States Army, will be present and address the meeting, after which a collection will be taken up in aid of the objects of the Society.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL of the West 26th-st. United Presbyterian Church, (between 6th and 7th ave.) will take place on SUNDAY EVENING, 12th inst., commencing at half past 7 o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. H. Ganse, Dr. Rice and Rev. J. Beath. The Pastor, Rev. John Thompson will preach his annual sermon in the AFTERNOON, at half-past 3 o'clock.

FRENCH PROT. EPIS. CHURCH OF DU ST. ESPRIT, 7 West 30th-st., between 5th and 6th avs. Morning service and sermon in French, by Rev. Dr. Vinain, at 10½ o'clock. Evening service in French; sermon in English by Rev. Dr. Price, of St. Stephen's, at 7½ o'clock. At both these services the splendid music composed for Easter Sunday by Prof. Bailard will be repeated.

A FEW CHRISTIANS WHO ASCRIBE all their salvation and all their desire of future glory to the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, meet together on the FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, to break bread in remembrance of the Lord's death till he come. (Acts xx., 7; 1 Cor. xi. 23-26.) At 12½ P. M., in Continental Hall, 4th-st., near corner South 4th-av., Williamsburgh. The Gospel will be preached (if the Lord will) in the same place at 7½ P. M.

SEAMEN'S MISSION.—THE NINETEENTH Anniversary Celebration of the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New-York will take place on SUNDAY EVENING, 12th inst., in Calvary Church, corner 4th-av. and 21st-st. The Annual Report of the Board of Managers will be read, and a sermon preached by Rev. A. Cleveland Coxe, D. D. Services to commence 7½ o'clock.

SPIRITUAL MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE NEW DISPENSATION—TO-MORROW, (Sunday) at 10 and 7½ P. M., at Hall No. 235 Bleecker-st., corner of 12th-st. Collection taken up. Private sittings daily at No. 123 West 13th-st., between 5th and 7th ave. Circle Thursday at 3 P. M., and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Evenings at 7½. Admittance to Circles 25 cents.

FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, No. 155 Worth-st. Regular "children's service" every SABBATH AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock. No sermon, short address, and children's music. Strangers and citizens are cordially invited. "The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all." Direct route through Broadway to Worth-st., thence to Five Points.

CHURCH OF THE PURITANS.—REV. DR. CHEEVER will preach on SUNDAY MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, and in the EVENING at 7½ o'clock, in the Church of the Puritans on Union-square. The subject in the evening—*The Obligations on the part of the Government, as well as the People of this Country, to Unconditional Loyalty to God, the People and the Constitution.*

SOUTH CHURCH LECTURES.—THE next sermon in this series of doctrinal discourses will be delivered in the South Baptist Church, Rev. Mr. Burlingham's, 26th-st. between 7th and 8th ave., on SUNDAY EVENING, April 12, at 7½ o'clock. Rev. W. C. Van Meter, of Howard Mission, will preach in this Church, on Sunday morning.

REV. L. S. KALLOCH WILL PREACH in the Light-st. Church, corner of Light and Varick sts., SABBATH MORNING and EVENING. Subject for the morning—*The Sacrifice of Dear Pleasures*, as taught in the Sermon on the Mount. Matt. v. 29-30. Subject for the evening—*The Power of the People, and who Fears it.*"

NEW-YORK YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—Rev. Alexander R. Thompson will present of the Association, a sermon to young men, in the Reformed Dutch Church, 21st-st., near 4th-av., SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Subject, *Self Consecration.* Young men are cordially invited to attend.

BLEECKER-ST. UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.—SUNDAY MORNING—Communion services at 10½ o'clock. P. M., a meeting of the Union Sunday School Teachers' Union. Several addresses. Sermon in the EVENING, Rev. Moses Ballou preaches. Subject—*Did the Apostolic Churches have a Community of Goods?*

LECTURE ON PROPHECY.—REV. GEO. Junkin, D.D., late President of Washington College, Va., will deliver the fourth of the course in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, entrance in Greene-st., on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Morning service at 10½. The public are invited. Seats free.

REV. E. H. VINTON, D. D., RECTOR OF St. Mark's Church, will preach on SUNDAY EVENING, in the Church of the Resurrection, in 35th-st., a few doors east of 5th-av. The services will commence at 7½ o'clock, and a collection will be taken in aid of foreign missions.

ALLEN-STREET M. E. CHURCH.—Preaching in this Church on SUNDAY MORNING at 10½ o'clock, by the Pastor, Rev. J. A. Reaches. Sacrament in the AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock, and preaching in the EVENING at 7½, by Rev. Dr. Mycroft. Seats free. Strangers cordially invited to attend.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY of the COLUMBIAN PETHOLOGIAN SOCIETY OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE will be held at the Winter Garden Theatre, on SATURDAY, April 11, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HEDDING M. E. CHURCH—EAST SEVENTEENTH-st., between 1st and 2d ave., near Stuyvesant Park.—Rev. Geo. E. Cookes, D. D., Pastor, will preach on SUNDAY MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, and in the Evening at 7½ o'clock. Seats free. Strangers are cordially invited to attend.

REV. DR. CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT OF RUTGERS College, and Rev. Dr. S. B. Bell, of California, will preach in the First Reformed Dutch Church, Jersey City, Grand-st., near the ferry, on SUNDAY, April 12—the former at 10½ A. M., the latter at 3½ P. M.

REV. E. D. HITCHCOCK, D. D., WILL preach a discourse concerning the life and services of Rev. Dr. Robinson, late of Union Theological Seminary, at the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, on Henry-st., at 3½ o'clock TO-MORROW AFTERNOON.

REV. GEO. J. MINGINS, RECENTLY WITH the Army of the Potomac, will address the S. S. Missionary Association of the 14th-st. Presbyterian Church, corner of 3d-av., at their monthly meeting, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 12th inst., at 3½ o'clock.

JOHN-ST. M. E. CHURCH.—REV. J. M. CARROLL, the newly-appointed Pastor, will preach on SUNDAY MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, and in the EVENING at 7½. Seats free. Strangers are cordially invited to attend.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—THE Eleventh Anniversary of the Sunday-school of the West Twenty-third street Presbyterian Church, near 7th-av., (Rev. C. Gallaudet, Pastor,) will be held on SABBATH AFTERNOON, at 3½ o'clock.

CHAPEL OF THE CHURCH ON WASHINGTON-SQUARE.—Regular services will be held every SABBATH, in Rutger's Chapel, 5th-av., opposite the Croton Reservoir. Rev. E. H. Hutton will preach every morning at 10½; Rev. Dr. Hutton every evening at 4½.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, 16TH-ST., NEAR 5TH-Av.—Services at 10½, 3½ and 7½, the afternoon being for deaf mutes. Seats free. SUNDAY, Rev. Eastburn Benjamin will preach in the morning and afternoon, and Rev. F. Dillon Kagan in the evening.

MOUNT ZION CHURCH OF THE SECOND MAJORITY meets in Union Building, 163 Bowery. Preaching at 10½ and 7½. Rev. Jas. Mc. Manager of whom Christ said that he would come first, and restore all things. Seats free. Will you hear him?

CHAS. C. GOSS, OF THE CHRISTIAN ALLIance, will preach in the City Assembly Rooms, No. 446 Broadway, SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Subject—*What is the Duty of Christians in the present National Emergency?* Everybody welcome.

THE NEW-YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.—Rev. J. Phillips, D. D., will preach in the Chapel on SUNDAY AFTERNOON, April 12, at 3½ o'clock. Music by full choir. Seats free. Public invited.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH, TWENTY-SECOND-ST., between 6th and 7th avs. Rev. D. T. Ostrander, formerly of Baltimore, will preach in this Church on SUNDAY, April 12, at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 3½ o'clock P. M. Strangers are cordially invited.

REV. WM. R. WILLIAMS, BY REQUEST of his people, will preach a short course of sermons on the *Foundation of the Scriptures*, commencing SUNDAY MORNING, April 12, at the Amity-st. Baptist Church, at 10½ o'clock.

MEMORIAL CHURCH—HAYMOND-ST., CORner of Waverley-place. Rev. Dr. Morgan, Rector of St. Thomas Church, will preach on SUNDAY EVENING, April 12, at 7½ o'clock. Seats free.

MADISON-AV. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of 26th-st.—Rev. Dr. Krebs will preach in this church on SUNDAY, 12th inst., at 10½ o'clock, A. M., and Rev. J. H. Claxton, at 3½ o'clock P. M. Seats provided for strangers.

PROF. McILVAINE, OF PRINCETON, will preach SUNDAY MORNING at 10½ o'clock, and in the AFTERNOON at 3½ o'clock, in the Grand-st. Presbyterian Church, corner of Crosby-st.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT (EPISCOPAL)—Fifth-av., between 21st and 22d sts., opposite Reservoir-square. Services at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. S. Hale, Rector.

IN THE FORSYTH-ST. M. E. CHURCH, between Canal and Division sts., Rev. John Pegg, Jr., Pastor, will preach on SUNDAY MORNING, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Seats free.

THE UNION BAND WILL CONDUCT THE services in King-st. Methodist Church, west of Hudson-st., SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M., 3 and 7 P. M. The public are invited. J. Walsh, Pastor.

INSTRUCTION.

SELECT FAMILY SCHOOL.—A CONGREgational clergyman, on a fine farm in a beautiful country village, having an established family school of twelve boys, will receive four more if applications be made to W. J. DONALDSON, at the Lafarge House, on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of this week.

A SCHOOL FOR TEN BOYS.—SUPERIOR advantages are secured in this school, conducted by a successful teacher of many years' experience, 20 miles West, having a spacious house, in Westchester, two vacancies; terms reasonable. Address U. M., No. 3 Park-row.

AT TOWNSEND'S, NO. 296 BOWERY.—Instruction is given in Writing, Book-keeping, Arithmetic, Algebra, Grammar. Ten writing lessons, $1.

AUCTION SALES.

PUBLIC SALE
OF THE SCIOTA AND HOCKING VALLEY RAILROAD.

In pursuance of the decree of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Perry and State of Ohio, and an order thereunder issued from said Court to me the undersigned, Receiver and Special Master Commissioner in the action therein pending, wherein Hurrid Buchan is plaintiff, and the Sciota and Hocking Valley Railroad Company and others are defendants, I, as Receiver and Special Master Commissioner as aforesaid, on TUESDAY, the 28th day of May, A. D. 1863, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the door of the Court house in the town of New-Lexington, in said county of Perry, will offer for sale by public auction, and sell to the highest bidder, at in fee simple and the absolute ownership thereof, the following property, to wit: The entire road of the said Railroad Company, whether made and completed or in progress of being made, including the right of way, half and owned by said Railroad Company, wherein said Road is either constructed or in process of being constructed, and the same completed thereby, by whatever right the same may be holden by said Company, together with the superstructure and tracks thereon, and all bridges, viaducts, culverts, fences, depots, grounds and buildings thereon, work-shops and tools therein, and all other franchises, rights and privileges of said Railroad Company, except the franchise to be a Corporation; and including, as a part of said premises, all engines, locomotives, cars of every description, rolling stock, turn-tables, water-stations, station-houses, warehouses and lots and lands used in operating said Road and in connection therewith, and owned and held for that purpose; and all tools, implements, materials and supplies, and all shops and engine-house owned and used in operating said Railroad, as an entirety and in one entire parcel; to be sold upon the terms and conditions in said judgment specified. Appraised at $610,000.

Dated this 6th day of April, A. D. 1863.

J. W. WEBB,
Receiver and Special Master Commissioner.

U. S. MARSHAL'S SALE
OF
PRIZE GOODS.

BURDETT, JONES & CO. will sell at auction, by order Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of Navy, and under direction of Robert Murray, Esq., U. S. Marshal Southern District New-York,

On TUESDAY, April 21, at 11 o'clock,
At Union Stores, Brooklyn,

Cargo of steamer SCOTIA, consisting of
GROCERIES,
HARDWARE AND LEATHER,
DRUGS,
HOSIERY,
DRY GOODS,
TOILET ARTICLES,
&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be ready on TUESDAY, April 14, at our office, No. 130 Wall-st.

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PEREMPTORY SALE
OF AN ELEGANT COUNTRY SEAT TO CLOSE AN ESTATE.

EDWARD H. LUDLOW & CO., Auctioneers, by order of WILLIAM H. ASPINWALL, Executor,

Will sell at Public auction, at the
MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE SALESROOMS,
No. 111 Broadway, New-York,
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1863,

The estate known as MEITHEWOOD, formerly the residence of the late Gardiner G. Howland, situate on the Hudson River, between New-Hamburgh and Poughkeepsie, containing 32 acres, with a river front of a mile, and embracing five building sites, each with extensive and beautiful views of land and water.

There are on the premises a mansion house, a cottage dwelling, gardener's house, entrance lodge, stables, greenhouse and grapery, and also farmhouse, barns, &c. The main entrance is over a graveled road of about half a mile in length, connecting the property of Amherst College and Brown's Hotel. The unusual attractions of the place, the fertility of its soil, its salubrity, and its unexceptionable neighborhood, noted for its fine roads, renders this estate a most desirable country home for a gentleman of taste and fortune.

Maps of the property may be had of the auctioneers, No. 3 Pine-st.

For further particulars, apply to
VARNUM & TURNEY,
No. 119 Broadway, New-York.

E. H. Ludlow & Co., Auctioneers.

PEREMPTORY EXECUTOR'S SALE OF
PEARL-ST. PROPERTY.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO.

By order of WILLIAM H. ASPINWALL, Executor, &c., will sell at public auction, at the Merchants' Exchange sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, April 15, 1863, at 12 o'clock M., the valuable lot of land Nos. 436 and 438 Pearl-st., on the north side of the street, about 70 feet 11 inches east of Chatham-st., being 25 feet 6 inches wide, by about 55 feet 9 inches in depth on one side, and 55 feet 10 inches on the other.

Two-thirds of the purchase money may remain on mortgage. Maps of the property may be had of the Auctioneers.

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VARNUM & TURNEY, No. 119 Broadway.

A. Journeay, Auctioneer.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

The undersigned is prepared to give his special attention to the sales of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
At the residences of families. Also, out-door sales.
A. JOURNEAY, Auctioneer, No. 3 Pine-st.

E. H. Ludlow, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF PROPERTY ON E. FIRE, MONROE AND SOUTH STS., BY ORDER OF JOHN TRICKEY, EXECUTOR.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, April 14, 1863, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

Pike-st.—The valuable 3-story brick house and lot, No. 64 Pike-st. Lot 20x80.

Monroe-st.—No. 78 Monroe-st., valuable lot with 2-story brick house. Lot about 20x45.

South-st.—No. 325, valuable lot north side, between Market and Pike sts., being 20x80 feet, with brick shop thereon.

Maps, &c., at No. 3 Pine-st.

E. H. Ludlow & Co., Auctioneers.

PRIVATE STABLE AND LOT ON WEST TWENTY-SECOND-ST. AT AUCTION.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO.

Will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, April 14, 1863,
At 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange Salesroom,
No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building,

West Twenty-second-st.—The well built stable and lot, No. 136 West 22d-st. south side, 125 feet east of 8th-av., built for private use, with ample accommodations, stalls for five horses and room for three carriages. Lot 25x98.9. Sixty per cent. can remain on Bond and mortgage for three or five years. Maps at Auctioneers' office, 3 Pine-st.

A. C. Tuttle, Auctioneer—Office, No. 120 Broadway.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF THE BALANCE OF A CABINETMAKER'S STOCK.—A. C. TUTTLE will sell, on TUESDAY, at 11 o'clock, at No. 624 BROADWAY, the balance of stock of a first-class cabinet-maker, consisting of ROSEWOOD, MAHOGANY and WALNUT PARLOR, DINING, HALL and BEDROOM FURNITURE, &c. ALSO, one white and gilt parlor suite, made to order for a theatre, suitable for a saloon.

The whole to be sold without any reservation, by order of the Assignee, to close the estate. Deposits required. Catalogues on the morning of sale.

E. H. Ludlow, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY ON BEEKMAN-ST. AT AUCTION.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO., will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, April 14, 1863, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York:

Beekman-street.—The valuable lot, with brick building thereon, on the south side of the street, between Broadway and Centre-st., and known as No. 11 Beekman-st. The lot is 26 feet front and rear, by 75 feet deep. This sale offers a rare chance for investment.

Maps, &c., at the Auctioneers' office, No. 3 Pine-st.

E. H. Ludlow, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE HOUSE ON WEST 46TH-ST. NEAR FIFTH-AV., AT AUCTION.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, April 14, 1863, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange sale-room, No. 111 Broadway, the valuable four-story, brown stone house, No. 40 West 46th-st., high stoop, lot 20x100 feet, house 20x50, in good order, and containing all the modern improvements and conveniences. $11,000 can remain on mortgage, if desired. For permits or further particulars, apply at No. 3 Pine-st.

P. C. Bulkley, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY ON 38TH-ST. AT AUCTION.—BULKLEY & FINK will sell, on THURSDAY, April 16, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange Salesroom, one lot south side of 38th-st. 202 feet easterly from 4th-av., 25 feet 6 inches by 100 feet 5 inches in depth, with front and rear buildings.

Also, 3 lots adjoining, 76 feet 4 inches front and rear, by 100 feet 5 inches in depth, with 4 two-story, high basement frame cottages on the rear of the lots, and a frame building on the front of one of them. Maps at the office, No. 42 Wall-st.

Alvin C. Baker & Co., Auctioneers.

MAGNIFICENT SALE HOUSEHOLD Furniture on MONDAY, April 13, to close an estate at private residence, No. 48 West 16th-st., between 6th and 7th avs., at 11 o'clock, comprising rosewood and French walnut parlor, chamber and solid oak dininroom furniture; rosewood pianoforte, all modern improvements; mirrors, etagere, pier and mantle mirrors, lace and brocatel curtains, silverware, bronze, &c. Sale peremptory.

Wm. W. Shirley, Auctioneer.

LARGE AND PEREMPTORY CATALOGUE Auction sale of china, crockery and glass ware, kerosene lamps, &c., on FRIDAY next, April 17, at the store of Campbell & Wiley's, No. 177 Pearl-st., near Peck-slip, (in consequence of removal,) comprising a general assortment, suitable for City and country merchants.

WM. W. SHIRLEY, Auctioneer, by D. EMBURY, Jr.,

E. H. Ludlow & Co., Auctioneers.

WATER RIGHT AND 45 VALUABLE lots to be sold in one parcel at auction, on WEDNESDAY, April 15, 1863, at No. 111 Broadway, (Merchants' Exchange Salesroom, Trinity Building,) E. H. LUDLOW & CO. The lots lie on the north side of 56th-st., and east and west sides of 12th-av. Maps, &c., can be seen at No. 3 Pine-st.

DIVIDENDS.

Office of Cleveland and Toledo Railroad Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio, March 26, 1863.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—A DIVIDEND OF FOUR per cent. on the capital stock of this Company will be paid at the office of Messrs. Vermilye & Co., New-York, on the 22d day of April next, free of Government tax. The transfer books will close on the 11th day of April next, at 3 o'clock P. M., and remain closed until the 22d, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Dividends remaining unpaid on the 1st day of June will, after that date, be paid at the office of the Company in Cleveland, in sight exchange on New-York.

H. C. Luce, Treasurer.

Long Island Railroad Company, April 6, 1863.

A DIVIDEND OF $2.50 PER SHARE ON the Capital Stock of the Company will be paid at the Bank of America, New-York, on the 9th inst., free of Government Tax.

A Stock Dividend (payable out of shares of the Company heretofore purchased by it) of three shares on every 100 shares owned, will be paid at the office of the Company, at Hunter's Point, on the 8th inst.

Holders of fractional portions of 100 shares will receive their stock dividend in scrip.

Wm. F. B. Russell, Treasurer.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR DESIGNS, MODELS AND PRINTING OF TREASURY NOTES.

Treasury Department, March 31, 1863.

PROPOSALS are hereby invited for Designs for Treasury Notes, to be issued under the act approved March 3, 1863.

Proposals will be received for the denominations of 10s., 25s., 50s., 100s., 500s., 1,000s., and 5,000s., the right being reserved by the Secretary of the Treasury to omit any of the above denominations from accepted offers, or to substitute the designs of one denomination for those of another, or to use the same interchangeably, or to alter their legends.

The designs must be national in their character, and preference will be given, under equal circumstances, to such as have not been used, in whole or in part, upon any currency, bond, certificate, or other representative of value, and completed bills must all be of the uniform size of seven inches by three inches.

Proposals must be for both the obverse and reverse of the notes. The obverse must prominently present the words "TREASURY NOTE," with the following or similar legend: "Two years after date the United States will pay to bearer fifty dollars, with interest at five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually," as follows:

On the first day of October, 1863, one dollar and fifty cents.

On the first day of April, 1864, one dollar and fifty cents.

On the first day of October, 1864, one dollar and fifty cents.

On the first day of April, 1865, one dollar and fifty cents.

The name denoting the owner and assignee interested must be placed near the centre of the width of the note, and about two inches from its right-hand end.

Space must be allowed for the seal and for the signatures of the Treasurer and Register.

On the reverse there must be two tablets, to contain the following legends, or such others of about the same number of words as may be substituted by the Secretary:

1st. "This note will be exchanged by the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer or any specially designated depositary of the United States for United States notes equal in amount to its face value and interest to last date of interest payment; or" This note is a legal tender to the same extent as United States notes for its face value, without interest."

2d. "Every person making or engraving, or aiding in make or engrave, or passing or attempting to pass any imitation or alteration of this note; and every person having in possession a plate or impression made in imitation of it, or any paper made in imitation of that on which the note is printed, is guilty of felony, and subject to fine and imprisonment, the fine being double the amount of imprisonment not exceeding fifteen years at hard labor, or both."

Proposals will be received until the 12th day of April, 1863, and must in all cases be accompanied by models or illustrative drawings.

Proposals may be made for designs alone, or for completed dies, or for the entire work of engraving and printing. If the proposals are for the entire work, the price must be separately stated for furnishing the dies, for making the plates, (including all costs for reetering,) for printing per 1,000 impressions of four notes each, and for printing per 1,000 impressions of four notes each, and for printing per 1,000 impressions of four notes each. The paper proposed to be used, with the name of the maker thereof, must accompany the proposals. Proposals must also state the length of time required after acceptance of a bid, before deliveries will commence, and thereafter the number of thousand impressions that will be delivered daily.

If the proposals are for the entire work, they must also state at which of the following post offices the impressions will be delivered, properly packed for transmission, free of expense, and with insurance delivery, viz.: at St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, Buffalo, New-York or Boston.

The Secretary reserves the right to accept designs only and cause the engraving to be done by other parties than those of the proposer, or to accept designs and dies and cause the transferring and printing to be done by others, or to reject a part or all of any proposal, as may be for the interest of the Government.

In all cases of accepted bids the designs and dies together with all rolls, bed-pieces, plates or other copies thereof must be the sole and exclusive property of the United States. Those rejected will be returned to the respective bidders.

In the selection of designs special attention will be given to security against counterfeiting and alterations.

Proposals should be addressed to "Proposals for Designs," and directed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and plainly indorsed "Designs and Proposals for Treasury Notes," and will be opened on the 13th day of April, 1863, at 12 o'clock M. S. P. CHASE,
Secretary of the Treasury.

ORDNANCE OFFICE.

War Department, Washington, March 3, 1863.

PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 4 o'clock P. M., on the 28th of APRIL, 1863, for furnishing six hundred Wrought Iron Beams, for Rails of Chassis of Sea Coast Carriages.

These beams are to be made after the following specifications:

The rail for barbette carriages is a rolled wrought-iron beam, similar in appearance to the "I" shaped beams used in the construction of fire-proof buildings. It is required to be straight and smooth on its surface, and free from flaws, imperfect welds, blisters and cinder streaks. The outer surfaces of the two flanges are planes, parallel to each other and at right angles to the web. The web joins the two flanges along their middle line, leaving them to project equally on each side, and must be without bends or corrugations.

Dimension of beams.

Length of rail	171 inches
Depth between outer surfaces of flanges	15 inches
Width of flanges	5.906 inches
Thickness of flange at outer edge	.75 inch.
Thickness of web	.625 inch.

These beams will be inspected after the following rules:

They are to be made of good tough, well-worked, clear iron, the absence of which qualities, (generally indicated by roughness of surface, and by checks, and more marked fracture near the edges of the flanges,) as also flaws or bad welds, blisters and streaks of cinder, will cause their rejection.

1st. They are to be of the required dimensions, and square at the ends.

2d. They are to be straight, and free from short bends in the flanges and web.

3d. The outer plane surfaces of the flanges are to be parallel to each other, and in planes perpendicular to that of the web.

4th. The webs are not to be bent or *fractured*, as would result from rusting the rails along their whole lengths on the edges of the flanges while the webs are too hot to bear their weight.

5th. The flanges are to be perfectly equal on each side of the web.

Variations allowed in inspecting.

In length of rail	.50 inch
In depth of rail	.10 inch
In thickness of web	.05 inch
In warp or wind, in depth of flange at extreme end of rail	.10 inch
Difference in distance between outer edges of plane surfaces of flanges on different sides of web at any cross section of rail	.10 inch
A straight edge of equal length with the rail placed on the outer edge of the flange should not depart from it at any point more than	.15 inch
A plane surface placed on the plane surface of either flange should not depart from it at any point more than	.10 inch
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Difference from square in depth of rail	.15 inch

Specimens of the rail, and of the wings of them, can be seen at the United States Arsenals at Fort Monroe, Virginia, Bridesburgh and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Watertown, Massachusetts.

Bidders will state the number of beams they propose to furnish, the time when they will commence the delivery, which should be as early as possible, and the number they can deliver weekly after commencing the delivery, place where they will make them, and the price per pound for which they will deliver them at the point of vessel or railroad shipment nearest to their works.

No bids will be entertained except from persons actually engaged in the manufacture of iron, evidence of which must accompany the bid.

Each party obtaining a contract will be required to enter into bonds, with proper sureties for its faithful fulfillment; and a transfer of the contract to another party will cause its entire forfeiture.

The right is reserved to reject all proposals if the prices are deemed too high, or if for any cause it is not deemed for the public interest to accept them.

Proposals will be sealed and addressed to "GENERAL J. W. RIPLEY, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.," and will be indorsed "Proposals for Wrought Iron Beams."

JAS. W. RIPLEY,
Brigadier-General, Chief Ordnance.

ARMY SUPPLIES—BEEF CATTLE.

Office of Assistant Commissary-General of Subsistence, No. 4 Hanover-st.,
New-York, April 4, 1863.

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned at this office, until 4 o'clock P. M., on SATURDAY, the 18th inst., for supplying BEEF CATTLE for the use of the United States army, to be delivered at the WASHINGTON DROVE YARDS, New-York City, or at some other convenient point in, or in the near vicinity of the City of New-York, to be designated by the undersigned, and in such numbers as may from time to time be required, not exceeding one thousand head of any calendar month from the 1st of May, 1863, to the 31st day of October, 1863; notice to be given to the contractor on Saturday of each week, on his application at this office, of the number of cattle he shall be required to deliver during the following week.

As the cattle will be required for shipment, none but *first quality* of oxen or steers, entirely free from all blemishes or imperfections, and not less than four years old, will be received; and no lot of cattle the average gross rate of which is not as high as thirteen hundred and fifty pounds, will be accepted, nor any single bullock less than twelve hundred and fifty pounds. The exact gross weight of each bullock to be ascertained by the scales; time of weighing to be determined by the inspector on the part of the United States, Mr. George Starr, whose certificate of inspection, stating the number of cattle delivered, their weight, &c., will constitute the voucher, on presentation of which the accounts will be paid when funds are in hands for the purpose. Each proposal, to be entertained, must have a printed copy of this advertisement pasted at its head, and be in the following form:

"I, A—— B——, of the city or town of ——, County of ——, State of ——, hereby propose to deliver to the Subsistence Department of the United States Army, at the Washington Drove-yards, New-York City, or other point in or near said city, to be designated, such number of Beef Cattle, not exceeding one thousand head in any calendar month, of the quality and on the terms specified in the advertisement above pasted, as I may from time to time be required to furnish on due notification, at —— cents per pound gross weight."

To be subscribed by two responsible sureties as follows:

We, the undersigned, hereby agree that should the above bid be accepted, we will give our bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars that the contract shall be fulfilled.

The ability of the sureties to respond in the sum of ten thousand dollars must be certified by the U. S. District Attorney or other proper officer; such certificate to accompany the proposal.

Proposals to be indorsed "Proposals for Beef Cattle." The right exists with the United States to reject any or all bids that shall not be regarded as satisfactory. All bidders to be present at the opening.

A. B. EATON, Colonel and A. C. G. S.

Board of Supervisors, Office No. 7 City Hall,
New-York, March 26, 1863.

PROPOSALS FOR THE HIRING OF all leasing of buildings and parts of buildings to be used for Armories for the various Companies and Regiments of the New-York National Guard, will be received at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors from owners of property accordingly.

The proposals to state the locations, quantity of room, term of lease and rent, and parties presenting proposals to submit diagrams.

By order of
Special Committee on Armories and Drill-Rooms.
JOS. S. YOUNG, Clerk.

PROPOSALS.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

Quartermaster-General's Office,
No. 205 Broadway, New-York, 25th March, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., on FRIDAY, the 24th day of April next, for furnishing, by the Department of Army Clothing and Equipage, the following:

CLOTHING.

Hats.
Caps.
Jackets.
Trousers.
Stockings.
Shoes.
Boots.
Trowsers—mounted.
Blankets.
Water-proof Blankets, (Philadelphia Pattern, to be used also as Shelter Tents.)
Ponchos.
Haversacks.
Gaiters.

EQUIPAGE.

Hospital Tents, Flies, Poles and Pins.
Wall Tents, Flies, Poles and Pins.
Shelter Tents.
Axes.
Hatchets.
Spades.
Pickaxes.
Camp Kettles.
Standards.
Guidons.
Ax Handles.
Hatchet Handles.
Mess Pans.
Pickax Handles.
Drums.
Fifes.
Sets of Regimental Books.
Sets of Company Books.

Samples of which may be seen at this office. All articles to be inspected by a competent Inspector, appointed on the part of the United States.

Bidders will state the quantities they wish to furnish, and the shortest possible time in which deliveries can be made by them.

Proposals must be accompanied by a proper guarantee, setting forth that if a contract is awarded to the party named therein, he will enter into such contract and give bonds for the faithful performance of the same.

The United States reserves the right to reject any portion, or the whole of the bids, as may be deemed for the interest of the Government.

Proposals should be indorsed "Proposals for Furnishing, (here insert the articles named in the bid,) and addressed to

Lieut.-Col. D. H. VINTON,
Deputy Quartermaster-General U. S. Army.

Quartermaster-General's Office,
Washington City, March 18, 1863.

OWNERS OF STEAM VESSELS ARE INvited to send to the Quartermaster-General's Office tenders for their charter or sale.

Tenders should contain descriptions of the vessels, their dimensions, enrolled or registered tonnage, actual carrying capacity, material, whether coppered, whether side-wheel or propellers, whether iron or copper fastened, size and power of engines and boilers; and should state the price at which the vessel is offered, for charter or sale, with the estimated value of the vessel in case of loss, or in case the Government should prefer to purchase instead of chartering.

Owners of steamers already in the service of the Quartermaster's Department are requested to make known to the Department any reduction in their present rates which they may be willing to grant, and also the price at which they will be willing to sell them.

All such tenders should be addressed to the Quartermaster-General of the United States at Washington, and should be indorsed,

"Proposals for charter or sale of steamers."

When received they will be considered, and the Department will endeavor to reduce the heavy expense attending army transportation, by the charter of suitable vessels, or by substituting, wherever it can do so, cheaper vessels of equal capacity for those now employed.

Depot Quartermaster-General's Office,
Philadelphia, Feb. 9, 1863.

VESSELS WANTED IMMEDIATELY TO carry COAL to the following points:

Tortugas,
Key West, Fla.,
Fort Monroe, Va.,
Alexandria, Va.,
Newbern, N. C.,
Port Royal, S. C. (Signed
A. BOYD, Capt. and Asst. Quartermaster.

FINANCIAL.

JEFFERSONVILLE RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS.

Office Jeffersonville Railroad Company,
Jeffersonville, Ind., March 26, 1863.

In accordance with the terms of an agreement between this Company and the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, dated April 14, 1858, Public Notice is hereby given, that this Company will redeem on the 30th day of April next, at the office of the United States Trust Company, New-York City, at the lowest offer below par, all of the outstanding Jeffersonville Railroad Company's First Mortgage Bonds. Offers for sale of said bonds may be addressed, under seal, to the United States Trust Company at noon, and indorsed "Offer of the First Mortgage Bonds (or Bondsmen) of the Jeffersonville Railroad Company to the Sinking Fund," which offers or bids will be received until noon of the 30th day of April next. And public notice is also hereby given the holders of said First Mortgage Bonds, that in case the offers or bids offered to sell all of said bonds now outstanding, remaining unpaid, or canceled, as provided in the agreement aforesaid, the United States Trust Company will, upon presentation at their office, No. 52 Wall-st., redeem at par, and accrued interest, all of the entire issue of said First Mortgage Bonds, to the number so not previously advertised for or surrendered. And notice is hereby given, that from and after the 30th day of April, 1863, interest on all said bonds will cease, as provided in said agreement.

J. H. M'CAMPBELL, Secretary and Treasurer.

SOLAR SALT IN MICHIGAN.

A NEW ENTERPRISE.

It is proposed to form a Company with a
CAPITAL OF $500,000,
FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF SOLAR SALT
At Saint Saginaw, Michigan.

Under the "General Law" of that State, employing the brine peculiar to that locality, unequaled in strength and purity by any yet discovered.

The large profits heretofore obtained from the manufacture of this staple, under less advantageous circumstances than now presented, guarantee success.

Capitalists seeking investment are invited to share in this enterprise, where safety and profit are assured.

F. W. BELLOWS represents the Company at their office, No. 37 William-st., where the Prospectus of the Saginaw Company may be had. Also maps, and accurate surveys of land can be seen.

Subscription book now open.

Refers by permission to
M. MORGAN'S SONS,
WINSLOW, LANIER & CO.,
CLARK, DODGE & CO.,
W. H. SMITH & SON,
Dr. D. H. FITZ

LOYAL MASS MEETING.

Thirty Thousand Union Men in Council.

Speeches of Maj.-Gen. Fremont, Hon. A. Oakey Hall, Gov. Morton, Gen. Sigel, Senator Wilson, Col. Ely, Hon. A. S. Dickinson, Hon. Messrs. Julian, Colfax, Conkling and Hamilton, W. J. A. Fuller, Col. Woodford, Judge Kelly, Governor Pierpont, and Mary Sibert.

Loyalty to the Government and Confidence in the Administration.

AN AGGRESSIVE WAR POLICY URGED.

Secessionists Scourged and Copperheads Confounded.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

A grand mass meeting of the citizens of New-York, regardless of party affiliation, was held yesterday afternoon at Union-square. The object of the meeting was to reiterate to the care of Southern traitors, and before the eyes of Northern sympathizers, the loyalty of New-York to the Union, its confidence in the Administration, its desire for an aggressive war-policy, its extreme abhorrence of all Confederates and absolute detestation of all Copperheads. Six stands were erected, from which sweet music was given and eloquent addresses delivered. Great enthusiasm pervaded the vast assemblage, which at one time must have numbered 30,000 persons, among whom were many ladies. The hotels and private residences in and about the Square were gaily decorated with flags; banners hung from many windows, and all things wore the look of a holiday. Cannon were momentarily discharged, brass bands continually sounded forth airs of patriotism, and shouts of applause drowned them all. For the lists of officers, the letters from distinguished men, the resolutions and the addresses we have no space, and necessarily confine ourselves to an abstract of the proceedings, which, though in some instances comparatively brief, will serve as a sufficient exponent of the loyal tone which pervaded the addresses, and the loyal spirit which was evinced by the enthusiastic thousands who responded to the call.

Stand No. 1.

The crowd in front of this stand—located at the southeast corner of the Park, opposite the statue of WASHINGTON—numbered between three and four thousand persons. Previous to the opening of the meeting, the workmen employed by HENRY BERGNER & Co. fired a salute of artillery, and a grand march was played by GRAFULLA's Band. Upon the speaker's platform were Postmaster-General BLAIR, MORRIS H. GRINNELL, JOHN WARD, Judge PIERREPONT, Rev. Dr. BELLOWS, GEORGE W. GRISWOLD, ERASTUS ALLEN, S. B. CHITTENDEN, Judge KELLY, of Philadelphia, Brig.-Gen. CRAWFORD, and several other distinguished citizens of this and other cities. At 4½ o'clock, the meeting was called to order by JOHN C. GREEN, Esq., who nominated for President of the meeting His Honor MAYOR OPDYKE. The Mayor, on taking the Chair, was greeted with three cheers, and spoke substantially as follows:

SPEECH OF MAYOR OPDYKE.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: For the third time we are assembled here to renew our pledge of patriotic devotion to our country. On the first occasion, we met to bid defiance to the rebel guns that were fired upon Fort Sumter. To-day, the avenging guns of freedom are belching forth their thunders against that stronghold of treason. (Prolonged cheers.) With what success, we do not yet know; but we hope and believe that the starry folds of our glorious flag will soon again float over its ramparts. (Cheers.) And, fellow-citizens, I don't think there will be much regret felt in any portion of the country if the traitors—the city that lies behind Sumter shall share the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. (Loud cheering.) I am glad to see such a large concourse of people assembled on this occasion. Where are you here? To prove that the people of this City are unconditionally loyal. (Applause.) We are here to declare to the world that we hold all party interests subordinate to patriotism. (Cheers.) The only party that we know is the party that stands unconditionally loyal to the Government in its efforts to subdue the traitors who are attempting to overturn it. (Cheers.) The Mayor concluded by introducing to the audience Master RONIER CUMMINGS, the young hero of the *Harriet Lane*, who was received with three cheers.

The list of Vice-Presidents of the meeting was then read, as follows:

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

GEORGE EARSHOFF, WILLIAM B. ASTOR, ROBERT J. RAYMOND, JAMES A. HAMILTON, ELIAS HOWE, Jr., SENEC S. HUNT, and many others.

GEO. GRISWOLD then read the address by FRANCIS LIEBER, adopted by the Executive Committee of the League, which was interrupted by repeated applause.

A long series of resolutions were read by Mr. SIMEON B. CHITTENDEN, expressive of extreme loyalty to the Union, of confidence in the Administration, of indignation at the course of Great Britain, and of hearty detestation of the Confederates at the South and the Copperheads at the North, after which they were adopted by acclamation.

After music by the band, the Chairman introduced Hon. MONTGOMERY BLAIR, Postmaster-General, who was greeted with cheers, and spoke as follows:

SPEECH OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL BLAIR.

FELLOW-CITIZENS OF NEW-YORK: I am gratified to meet so vast an assemblage, and to unite with you in doing honor to the glorious cause which we have met here to pledge ourselves to support. This, my friends, is a most appropriate occasion upon which to renew our pledges to that flag which has come down to us with hallowed memories associated with the founders of this Government. A day upon which an attempt was made to subvert this Government is a day, my friends, to be remembered, and I hope that the treatment which we are going to give the traitors will make it be remembered by them to all eternity. (Applause.) The contest in which we are engaged is a struggle for the great idea underlying our political fabric, and as we live in an age when opinion is the great element of power, it is essential to our success that the true nature of the struggle should be comprehended by good men at home and abroad. Some reference to the parties to it may contribute to effect this object. From the outset, the oligarchic interest everywhere has been at no loss on which side to range itself. Everywhere it has identified itself with the rebellion because it battled in the cause of privilege and against Free Government, and everywhere it has asserted itself promptly, yet skillfully, to support the rebel cause. Wielding vast power in all European Governments, controlling the whole foreign Press and some of our own, and assuming from the first mutterings of the tempest that our ship of State was a wreck, as they had always predicted it would be, they have looked on only to had facts to sustain a foregone conclusion and otherwise to exert all the power they could wield to consummate their wishes. I do not, in thus speaking of this class, and especially of the European branch of it, wish to be understood as impeaching their motives, or questioning the sincerity of their conviction that in the preservation of their own and kindred orders they are doing the best for mankind. As individuals, and especially in this true of the British aristocracy, they are distinguished by a high sense of honor, by courage, truthfulness and other manly qualities. But these personal characteristics only serve to give more effect to a mistaken policy in antagonism to freedom and free government, which results necessarily from the relation to society to which they are born and bred. They justly feel that the continuance of such a Government as ours caps the foundation of their order day by day, and hence, though we meddle not in their affairs, this class has turned upon us from the day we entered upon the contest. It is true, indeed, that the Democratic party, with which I have been connected in times gone by, has been in some instances, I regret to say, misled into a position of hostility to the Government. Some of its leaders have been for years past, I believe, laboring for the overthrow of the Government. Their hatred to the Union has been bitter and virulent, and they have spared no pains to effect its destruction. Some of them, I believe, have been for years past, with very different views in the confidential circle of their friends, preaching up the doctrine that this Union was a curse to the country, and that it was a duty to get rid of it. Their hatred of the Union has led them into the embrace of the traitors, and they have sought to effect its destruction by every means in their power. Their sympathies have been with the South in this contest